

# Christ Church Grosse Pointe

## *The Annual Parish Meeting*

Sunday, January 31, 2010  
10:30 am

*The Rev. Bradford G. Whitaker, Rector*



### CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Bradford G. Whitaker, Rector  
The Very Rev. David D. Dieter, Senior Associate Rector  
The Rev. Lisa C. Flores, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Canon Ronald Spann, Director/Spirituality Center  
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Karen Horn, Bookkeeper  
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## NOTES

### Christ Church Grosse Pointe

#### Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Appointments by the Chair

Secretary—Susan Larsen

Teller-Gerhard Heinen

Report of Nominating Committee

The First Ballot

Acknowledgement of Written Reports

Report of Moving Forward Committee

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Senior Warden

Address of the Rector

Other Reports as called upon by the Chair

Report of the Tellers

Adjournment of the Meeting

Closing Prayer

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#### **Mission**

The mission of Christ Church Grosse Pointe is to bring God and people together to know and live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*Adopted 1999.*

#### **Vision**

A beacon of God's love, Christ Church Grosse Pointe is a welcoming, compassionate and inclusive community overflowing with activity seven days a week. People of all ages and from all walks of life flock to this Christian center and become involved in its life, finding themselves spiritually nourished, educationally enriched, and empowered to serve as they live the Gospel joyfully. Christ Church embraces growth, serving the needs of today's and tomorrow's generations while maintaining the glories of its Anglican worship and traditions.

**SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 31, 2010**

Rather than trying to summarize all that has happened at Christ Church over the past year, I have described six different events or other matters which I believe were, in different ways, important to the parish in 2009.

**Restoration of the Stained Glass Windows**

At the vestry retreat last February we first learned that several parishioners who wished to remain anonymous wanted to make a gift to the Church in an amount sufficient to pay for the restoration of our stained glass windows. The windows had started to deteriorate and badly needed cleaning and repair.

This project is well under way. The contractor has already completed the restoration of five windows in the nave. It reinstalled those windows last fall and removed more windows to be restored. The whole project should be completed by the spring of 2011. Compared to the old windows, the restored windows are brighter, the colors are more vivid, and the figures seem more sharply defined. At least as important, there are no cracks or holes in the restored windows, and they don't leak when it rains. The restorer tells us they should last for at least another seventy-five years. We are very grateful for the generosity of the donors who have made this restoration possible.

**Challenge of Bringing Younger Members into Leadership Positions**

One of the goals of the vestry is to grow the membership of the Church by attracting younger members. A related goal is to bring younger members into leadership positions. By younger members I mean parishioners in their 40's and 50's and younger.

In recent years, particularly last year, it has been hard to get younger parishioners to run for the vestry or to chair major committees. Younger persons are usually very busy with work, have young children to take care of, and in the current recession may be concerned about job security. However, the future of Christ Church depends upon them. So, no matter what age you may be, if at any time you are asked to be a vestry candidate or to serve on one of our major committees, please seriously consider doing so.

**Quarterly Financial Reports to the Parish**

It has been customary for us to distribute a financial report of the parish once each year at the annual meeting. Last year Michigan, more than any other state, was in a severe recession. And, the markets were way down. Under our policy for protecting the purchasing power of our endowments, we were unable to withdraw funds to help pay our operating expenses. It was uncertain whether we would be able to meet our budget. For these reasons we thought it important to keep the parish up to date on the Church's finances throughout the year.

To this end, we instituted a policy of distributing to all members we could reach, a summary financial report after the end of each calendar quarter. We have emailed the report to members who have internet access and have made copies available

at the Church office. After the third quarter, we also sent a copy by bulk mail to all members who receive quarterly pledge updates, as well as to members who did not pledge last year.

**Working at Crossroads**

One of our most important outreach ministries is supporting the Crossroads Soup Kitchen. It seems to me that feeding hungry people who are out of work and may be homeless is the most basic kind of outreach.

Crossroads is located on West Grand Boulevard west of Ford Hospital. You can get there from Grosse Pointe on a Sunday morning in less than half an hour by taking I-94 to the Lodge, going north to the Boulevard, then west about two miles to Crossroads.

Last year, Christ Church was responsible for staffing the kitchen and buying the food on two Sundays during the year, one in March and one in October. This year we are responsible for three Sundays. Ted Hagan, a member of our vestry, solicits the volunteers, buys the food, and generally organizes the volunteers.

In October we served about 1025 meals, and in March about 700. Each meal consists of a bowl of chili, two bologna sandwiches, with mayonnaise or mustard, sometimes cheese, a banana, two cookies, and a drink - fruit punch, and milk for kids. You can imagine how much food Ted has to buy to create that many meals. The cost of the food in March was \$1,300. In October it was about \$1,500. The money comes from our Outreach budget and last year from plate offerings on the days when we prepare the meals. The plate offerings will enable us to staff the soup kitchen three times this year instead of only two.

Volunteers work in the morning or in the afternoon. In the morning they make the chili and the bologna sandwiches. In the afternoon they serve the meals and clean up. It's not fascinating work, but it's fun to work with friends, and it's very satisfying. If you're interested when Christ Church's turn comes around again, call Ted.

**Feast of St. Francis – Blessing of the Animals**

A wonderful tradition at Christ Church over the past few years is the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and the blessing of the animals.

Last year that service was held on a Sunday in early October. It had rained for a few days before the service and the front lawn was too wet for folding chairs and tables. As a result, the service was held in the parking lot behind the Church. The tables which made up the temporary altar were placed in front of the new wing. The choir stood on the sidewalk behind the back of the Church.

It was a cold, gray day. But the music was beautiful – joyful, uplifting, and appropriate for the occasion:

**CHRIST CHURCH GENERAL FUND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**

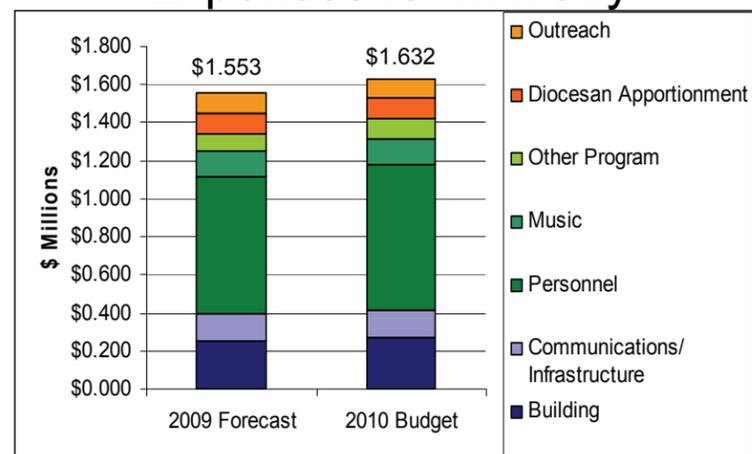
	2009	20093	2010
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual <sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Approved</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Current Giving	\$ 1,149,304	\$ 1,135,952	\$ 1,070,450
Tannahill & Endowment Draw	280,000	280,000	280,000
Program Pass-thru revenue	113,750	98,901	102,750
Outreach Pass-thru revenue	59,200	60,578	58,800
Other Income	31,225	25,953	17,365
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,633,479</u>	<u>1,601,384</u>	<u>1,529,365</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Adult Formation	3,937	3,430	6,500
Youth Formation	5,000	4,343	5,000
Children's Formation	11,688	10,371	12,833
Pass-thru Expense (pizza lunch, MDO, etc.)	69,675	57,928	62,110
Parish Life Ministries	7,900	8,197	8,150
Pastoral Care Ministries	2,400	2,413	2,400
Worship Support	2,800	2,639	2,800
Music	135,773	136,900	138,773
Program Support	122,163	109,211	116,340
Communication	52,370	33,647	22,280
Personnel	710,366	712,848	768,516
Outreach	100,000	100,497	98,810
Diocesan Apportionment	115,000	115,000	115,000
Building Maintenance & Utilities	275,231	256,190	272,556
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>1,614,303</u>	<u>1,553,613</u>	<u>1,632,067</u>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<u>\$ 19,177</u>	<u>\$ 47,771</u>	<u>\$ (102,702)</u>

\$ 47,771 2009 surplus  
 use endowment per  
 \$ 55,000 f.c. recommendation  
 break-  
 \$ 69 even

<sup>(1)</sup> Preliminary 2009

The 2010 expense budget is based on cost containment in controllable areas (e.g., Outreach, Diocesan Apportionment, Programs, Music), planned increases in non-controllable areas (e.g., health care, general insurance, etc.), and the mid-year addition of a part-time Christian Formation Director.

## 2010 Budget Expenses for Ministry

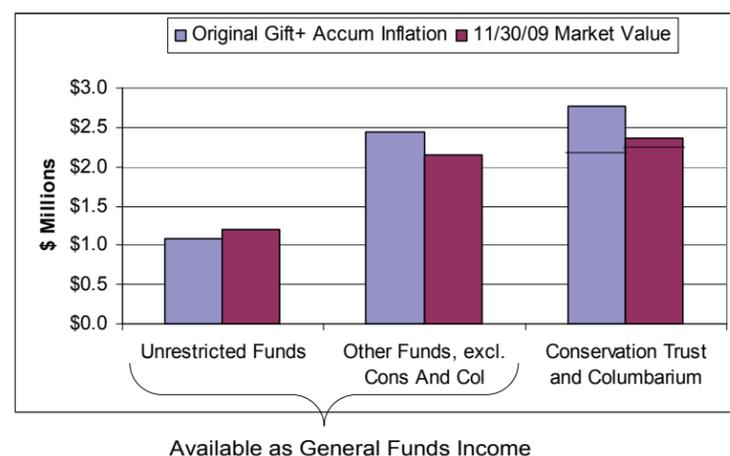


The return to use of the endowments in 2010 is made possible due to the market recovery in 2009, as well as significant recent bequests, which were not subject to as significant decline in value/ inflation requirements as some of the “older” endowments. In general, CCGP Practice regarding endowments is:

- Restrict draws to preserve purchasing power of principal– Original gift + inflation
- Use Conservation Trust for non-routine building, and Columbarium Trust for columbarium
- All Others available as “general funds” to provide current income

In 2008, the Market drop limited draws to Tannahill funds (\$280K per year). The endowment balances as of 11/30/2009 (below) indicate up to \$115 thousand available from unrestricted funds, while the other funds, excluding Conservation Trust and the Columbarium require growth in value of \$304 thousand (14%) before the value of the original gifts plus accumulated inflation is restored. Conservation Trust (bottom right) has slight surplus in market value (\$49 thousand) while the Columbarium fund requires substantial growth in value through sale of niches as well as market growth (\$460 thousand).

## Endowment Balances



Morning has Broken Like the first Morning  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
All Things Bright and Beautiful

all punctuated by the barking of dogs, the whinnying of horses, and the sounds of assorted other animals. I remember best:

“All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures, great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all,  
Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.”

That probably shows my unsophisticated taste in Episcopal Church music.

### Celtic Evensong and Communion

On a Sunday afternoon in early November Brad and Scott added a Celtic Evensong and Communion service to our repertoire of special music services.

According to Scott, the music and liturgy come from areas in Scotland and Ireland where Celtic people once lived. They are

not the music and liturgy of that era. If they were, we would not understand what is going on.

The music, especially the music of the harp, the candles, the two minutes of silence, all were intended to invoke the Spirit. The liturgy was written in plain, simple straight forward language.

The overall effect of the music and the liturgy was to create a very spiritual atmosphere. I hope we have the chance to attend similar Evensong services in the future.

I would like to end my report with the blessing which ended our Celtic service in November.

“May God be a bright flame before you, be a guiding star above you, be a smooth path below you, be a kindly shepherd behind you, today, tomorrow and forever.”

Amen.

Joseph F. Maycock, Jr.

## PARISH CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRIES

Denise B. Crenshaw, Vestry Chair

The Rev. Lisa C. Flores, Staff Representative

Christian Formation is a life-long process of discernment and spiritual growth provided at Christ Church through the various offerings for children, youth and adults.

The theme for this year's adult Christian Formation programs was "Bringing People and God Together", drawing from our Parish Mission Statement. The Adult Formation Committee, chaired by Richard Gibson and eight other volunteers, designed and executed the adult forums on Sundays, Tuesdays Together programming, which incorporated the Lenten Purple Perspective series, the ongoing yearly Sunday morning Bible Study with Mike DeFillipi, the re-energized Thursday Evening Bible Study and the newest initiative, the fall Wednesday Morning Exploration of the Gospel According to Luke led by The Rev. Lynne Kogel. Other Christian Formation opportunities included the annual Inquirer's Class, the expanded Cloister Bookshop, headed by Penny Soby, and the Lay Theological Academy (LTA) and the Christ Church Spirituality Center (CCSC), represented by The Rev. Canon Ron Spann.

Numerous volunteers gathered over the summer to discern what we do well, what is missing and what we should do next. The overwhelming consensus, after interviewing many parishioners, was that we need a full-time Christian Formation director, and the objective is to make this our priority for the 2010 mission of Christ Church.

Our programs for the children and youth continue to grow, as evidenced by the increase in the number of children marching up the aisle for the children's sermon on Sundays. There is a new effort to create a children and youth ministry team, which is seeking additional volunteers to help with the organization and execution of the existing programs, with the hope of expansion.

The Rev. Brad Whitaker offers these words on behalf of the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) = Youth Group:

I have committed to staffing this ministry until as such time we are able to add the staffing personnel needed to lead this ministry. Regardless of the status of the professional staffing for this ministry, we needed a team of adults who are dedicated in their vision of building a youth program. Too often Youth Ministry is built 100% on the personality of a staff member or members. Those parishes with long-term effectiveness in youth ministry are ones where adults step forward to make sure the relationships of young people and Christ are nurtured in the parish environment. Beginning in September, I began to put a team of adults together who would commit with me towards building the foundations of a Youth Group at Christ Church. Over a dozen persons expressed interest and most have been able to work our weekly meetings into their schedules. Other adults have taken on supportive roles on an as needed basis. As the Youth Ministry Leadership team was es-

tablished, ranging in ages from college students to folks in their 50's, we began our programming with youth in October, starting with a picnic at the Farms Pier Park. We have met weekly, with the exception of holiday weekends, and have maintained an average of 25 participants who are full of excitement and joy in gathering as youth at Christ Church. Programs have included a plethora of community building events and game playing, managing our KIVA account (micro-loans made throughout the world; see [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)), to a pre-Christmas Party. While the full vision of Youth Ministry is still developing our purpose for gathering is to: build up our individual and collective faith, have fun, serve others, and grow as disciples of Christ for the world. The full potential for youth involvement on the rolls of our parish (including active, non-active, children of members who attend a church elsewhere with another parent, etc.) is over 130 youth in grades 6-12. If you are interested in joining this ministry please contact me directly. Our normal meeting times are Sundays 2-3:30 pm.

The Rev. Lisa Flores offers these words on behalf of the Children's Formation Ministry.

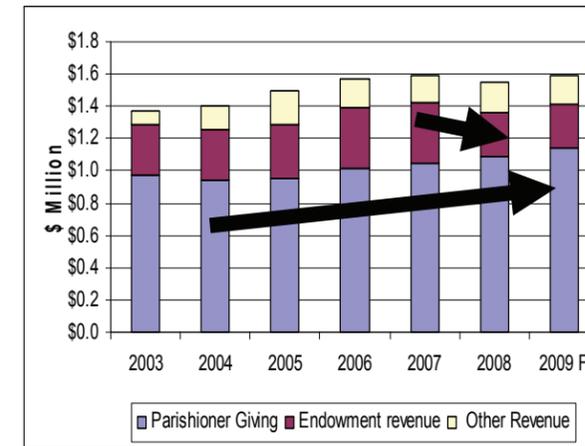
We have had a wonderful year in Children's Formation, ages nursery to fifth grade. Our 2008-2009 program ended on a wonderful note with our annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Holy Communion class. We had 14 children participate in the class this year; it was a joy-filled celebration for them and the parish that day. Over the summer we stayed busy with our annual Soccer Camp which drew 46 children from the Grosse Pointe community. In August we hosted the Grosse Pointe Farms area churches' Vacation Bible School. Over 80 children and adults experienced life as an early Christian in Ancient Rome! Our 2009-2010 program began in September with a wonderful turnout as we have 89 children registered for Sunday school. We always have room for more children!

The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) continues to be a vital ministry, with Anna Wenzler as coordinator and Polly Ledyard as the Mentor Mom as well as Mother's Day Out headed by Tish Hasting.

All of these programs could not have happened without the many hands that make this a ministry priority. The Sunday School teachers, the Tuesdays Together facilitators, the Adult Formation Committee members, our Vestry liaison, the clergy, and the many unnamed volunteers are all responsible for making Christian Formation happen at Christ Church. Thank you!

Historically, our income from parishioner giving has grown steadily since 2004, while our income from endowments was backed off dramatically due to the drop in market values that occurred in 2008.

### Income "Good News Story"

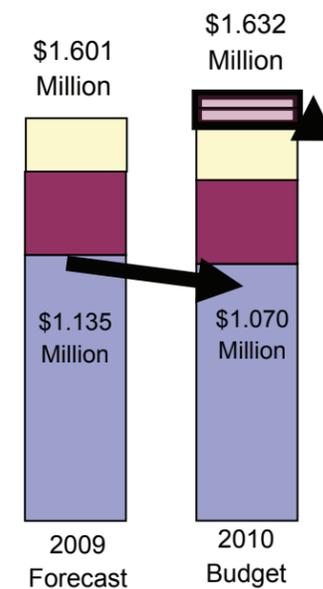


Parishioner Current Giving Steadily increasing since 2004

Market drop in 2008 sped up goal of reducing reliance on endowment for current income

While it has been a long range goal of Christ Church to reduce reliance on endowment income to meet general expenses, the sudden unexpected loss of \$145K from endowment income in 2008 required significant emphasis on cost containment and deferred the addition of a Christian Formation Director to build and guide children and youth programs and support family programs. The budgeted income for 2010 reflects current giving less than 2009, use of the surplus from 2009 and a return to use of endowment income funds, if annual giving falls short, in order to provide for the mid-year hire of a part time Christian Formation Director.

### Income "Good News" for 2010



2010 Budget Assumes

- "Conservative" current parish giving plus
- "Uptick" due to 2009 Surplus and Market recovery of endowments/ recent bequests

## 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

We are blessed with abundance at Christ Church through the many gifts of time, talent and treasure of parishioners of the past and present. In 2009, we continued to rely heavily on current gifts from parishioners as a primary source of income while our endowments grew through market recovery and additional bequests. Year end gift giving exceeded our expectations with pledge overages 53% higher than year end 2008, the plate offerings up 27% and the Christmas offering up 44%. These gifts, combined with the diligent cost containment of staff and ministry committees throughout the year, and the favorable summer and winter weather keeping our utilities bills down, resulted in a \$47 thousand surplus on an overall expense budget of \$1.55 million for 2009!

Add to this the incredible growth in the monies donated through the Gifts & Greens (more than \$20 thousand to fund some of our Outreach in 2010), the monies donated to Bishop Bernard and his clergy in Burundi for bicycles, 50% increase in giving to the Concert Series via patrons, and, already in 2010, an incredible response to Haiti and the Episcopal Relief & Development via Christ Church, and I must join Father Brad in his observation "So much generosity and response. Amazing thing to celebrate!!!!"

The vestry has approved the budget for 2010 and it is built on a balance between a continued reliance on cost containment and conservative use of our gifts and endowments in these uncertain times, while making sure that the ministries that need investment in order to fuel the growth and health of the parish are not overlooked.

Essentially, the 2010 budget is "conservative" in that it assumes current parishioner giving at a level 6% or \$65 thousand less than 2009, cost containment on all of our controllable costs (e.g., Outreach, Diocesan Apportionment, Music and Worship, Parish Life, Pastoral Care, etc.), and increases in the cost areas beyond our control (e.g., health care benefits, insurance, utilities, etc.).

The 2010 budget includes investment in growth through the mid-year addition of a part time Christian Formation Director to drive the growth and quality of our children, youth and family programs. In addition, the vestry has approved \$8,500 to fund potential mid year pay increases for those staff who merit increases based on external pay comparisons and/ or length of service without increase.

The vestry has earmarked the surplus from 2009 and up to \$55 thousand from endowment income if necessary to meet 2010 budget expenses. If 2010 current giving meets or exceeds 2009 levels, no use of endowment monies beyond the \$280 thousand from the Tannahill fund (a third party fund that has remained constant through the market downturn) will be necessary.

The Christ Church First pledge goal of \$1.2 million may have seemed too big a stretch for us to connect with as individuals, but a goal of meeting what we gave last year, or giving just a bit more to help fill in for our brothers and sisters whose household circumstances, due to job loss, reduced pay, debt load, or loss of investment income puts them in a situation where they cannot maintain their giving in 2010, may not be too big a stretch. And if we can each make these little stretches, together we can fund the health and growth of the parish.

To speak of the abundance of God, Father Brad shares a story with the punch line "God is not poor". In my life, I often share a line from scripture "Jehovah Jireh" (God provides). Our story this past year or two, as the market drop removed \$145 thousand from CCGP current income, and job loss and economic downturn hit our community, has been a testament to the abundance that God, as God's people coming together, brings. I look forward to what 2010 brings to this community through the gifts that this community brings.

Peace, Jean Redfield, Treasurer, CCGP

## Sub-ministries of Parish Christian Formation Ministries

### CHRIST CHURCH SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Rev. Canon Ronald Spann, Director

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is: *To help persons become fully alive.* [official mission statement of the Spirituality Center].

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: Ron continued to represent CCGP to the Lay Theological Academy, and helped in the creation of its 2009 Calendar offerings for ecumenically sustained adult Christian formation. During this year, however, it was decided that the mission of the LTA has been completed, so that it will become defunct at the end of its current program year. Christ Church Spirituality Center enjoyed a first-time collaboration with MOPS in offering a presentation for their November meeting, and will make another in January, 2010, to end the holiday season. Ron was a presenter for CCGP's Lenten Forum series, as he will be again this coming Lent. Ron introduced a new workshop from PRH International in the fall. Christ Church Spirituality Center lost a major collaborator this year, Mrs. Eileen Herbst, a prayer labyrinth guide. With her death sole custody of the prayer labyrinth has passed to CCSC, which will administrate its use not only here but also by other interested and qualifying groups.

Ministry Plans/Goals for the coming year are: Reactivation of the Cabinet, which has not met since its retreat in 2008; although Ron met twice during the year with Bob Alltop, Cabinet chair. The first offerings of 2010 are posted on the website. The Spirituality Center's Cabinet will be asked to help develop a policy for use of the prayer labyrinth by outside groups to deal with such questions as fees, maintenance, and purpose of use, as well as to determine insurance provisions.

Ministry Team/Members: The Rev. Canon Ronald Spann, director; Bob Alltop, Cabinet Chair; Allan Torp, bookkeeper; Richard Beadle, Denise Crenshaw, Sally Mackintosh, David Redfield, Jean Redfield.

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: ca. 100 hours.

### THE CLOISTER BOOKSHOP

Penny Soby, Chair

The Cloister Bookshop supports the mission of Christ Church by selecting materials that enrich and support the spiritual and educational ministries of the parish. We supply materials for Adult Formation classes, spiritual growth, parenting, aging, grieving, as well as baptism resources for families, recordings of Christ Church events and CDs. In addition, we feature books recommended by clergy and selections for the Christ Church Book Club. Bibles, prayer books, hymnals, inspirational books, children's books, Anglican prayer beads, and reproductions of Christ Church art are part of the offerings at the Bookshop.

The Virtual Bookshop, which can be accessed by visiting <http://www.christchurchgp.org/cloisterbooks05.html>, allows parishioners to explore the titles of books read for the Book Club or recommended by clergy and staff. There is also a nota-

tion whether the book is currently in stock in the Cloister Bookshop. Special orders are welcome.

The Shared Book Shelf is an opportunity to trade your previously read books for those you would like to read. We have exchanged more than 600 books this year. Check the Cloister before you go on vacation as they make good traveling books. The web site [www.christchurchgp.org/bookshop](http://www.christchurchgp.org/bookshop) presents the newest books available through the bookshop. Monthly email features new books, materials and special sales.

Volunteers staff the bookshop between services on Sunday and during the week. Volunteer opportunities include: selling, pricing, ordering, inventory, finance and marketing. A person can dedicate from 2-10 hours a month.

The Bookshop Advisory Board meets bi-monthly on the third Wednesday. Members of the Advisory Board include: Miriam Abdullah, Sharon Blain, Susan Chaklos, Stuart Grigg, Susan Harper, Gerhard Heinen, Marta Heinen, Susan Heinen, Doreen Kohr, Sally Mackintosh, David McCoy, Barbara Nickles, Harriet Port, Helen Santiz, Penny Soby, Aimie Sweeney, Margaret Torp, Kathie vonSchwarz, Cathy Walker, Margaret Woodford, Peggy Woodhouse, Ann Yeamans.

### HIGH SCHOOL PIZZA LUNCH

Ben Daume, Coordinator

For the past nine years, Christ Church has provided pizza lunch for the students at Grosse Pointe South High School every Thursday that school is in session. The Church offers a hospitable and comfortable place for students to eat their lunch in a warm atmosphere. On average, our ministry team of volunteers reaches out to approximately 350 students. Any extra money raised from the lunch goes to outreach. Our team devotes about two hours every week to this ministry and this includes set-up and clean-up. Team members are: Robin Albrecht, Mary Bamford, Sheri Conway, Ben Daume, Judy Gilbert, Hope Hoffman, Kirsti Juergens, Polly Ledyard, Mark Lorenger, Sarah Wheeler.

### MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Anne LaFond, Director

Every Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 am-12:30 pm, children ages one (must be walking) through 4 1/2 may be left with the Mother's Day Out program. The program was established to give stay-at-home moms some time to get out and be able to leave their children in a safe and happy environment at a reasonable cost. Registration fee is \$40 and \$15 supply fee, plus \$13 per day per child. The children follow a daily schedule and are taught the basics of getting along with each other and sharing. Children participate in small craft projects, play time and story time. Snacks and lunches are provided by the parents. Contact Tish Hasting for registration information (313-471-0871).

### MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Anna Wenzler, MOPS Coordinator

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is an international Christian organization that offers support and fellowship to moms with

children ages birth through kindergarten. The aim is to provide a spiritual focus within which moms and their families can develop a supportive network with others in their community. Moms attend meetings to hear a speaker, engage in organized discussion, complete a creative activity, and connect with other moms in the same season of life. While the moms are meeting, their children are cared for by wonderful volunteers (shepherds) in the MOPPET'S program. Children ages 2 and older are taught a Christian curriculum.

Highlights for the program year include daily devotionals by our mentor mom, a creative and thought provoking speaker program, an informational and entertaining newsletter, discussion groups which offer the chance for reflection on our meeting topics, crafts, the addition of a Sunday school teacher for our Moppets program, and a variety of sub-groups that members can volunteer for including: social events for both kids and moms, a book club, a cooking club, and lastly, a moms helping moms program. From a recruitment perspective, we were successful in recruiting 10 new members, almost 1/3 of our total membership.

Ministry plans for the coming year include increasing our available shepherds, retain the Moppets program, continue supporting moms and children in the program through methods listed above, and to give thanks through prayer for the support of the church and key positions within that have allowed us to increase membership and exposure within the church. For the

## PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Allan Torp, Vestry Chair  
The Rev. Brad Whitaker, Staff Representative

Parish Life Ministries is made up of the following six supporting ministries: New Member Incorporation, Richard Beadle, Chair; Greeters, Lois Bendler (2009) and Jeff Rush, Co-chairs; Foyers, Candy and Don Sweeny (2009), Co-chairs; Holy Dusters and Parish Gatherings, Karyn Weir, Chair; Wholly Wednesdays, Stephanie Hampton, Steering Committee Recorder.

Each ministry is dedicated to enhancing our Christ Church mission, "To bring God and people together to know and live the Good News of Jesus Christ." Each ministry strives to accomplish this mission by actively involving current parishioners and newcomers in their particular ministry.

Ministry plans for the coming year will concentrate on success in the following two areas: 1) A determined effort to bring new members into the parish; 2) A drive to encourage even more involvement from our current members in our ministries.

If you would like to learn more about any of the individual ministries, contact Allan Torp or any of the chair persons. We welcome all newcomers.

coming year, there will be a need for a new MOPS Coordinator.

Ministry team members include Polly Ledyard, Erika Davis, Joan Pfaendtner\*, Anita Millers\*, Jennifer Adlhoch\*, Sarah Marchi, Anna Wenzler, Julie Scheutze (\*not members of CCGP). Please contact Anna Wenzler, chair, if you are interested in becoming active on this team. Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: 1400.

## SWEENY LECTURES

Donald N. Sweeny III, Chair

The Sweeny Memorial Lecture Fund in Christian Ethics and Theology is named in memory of long-time Christ Church Grosse Pointe parishioners Mary Margaret Sweeny and Donald N. Sweeny, Jr. It was originally funded in 1986 and is sustained by a family endowment. The goal of the lecture series is to educationally enrich the greater Grosse Pointe community and the congregation of Christ Church by inviting a speaker or speakers to address the congregation and the community on a subject broadly relevant to Christian ethics. Diane Rehm, National Public Radio Host, was the guest lecturer in March 2008. Her topic was *Faith and Politics: How the Two Intersect in American Culture and Media*. The committee will shortly gather to plan for future program speakers. We welcome your suggestions and input.

## Sub-ministries of Parish Life Ministries

### FOYER GROUPS

Mark and Susan Lorenger, Co-chairs

Our Foyer dinner groups usually consist of about eight people, all Christ Church members who come together in the homes of group members for dinner once every month or so. These "strictly" social groups get together to celebrate fellowship in a fun and relaxed manner. Just as a foyer is an entrance to one's home, so a foyer group gives entrance into each other's lives beyond the walls of the church environment. There is no agenda. It is very simply an opportunity to open our homes to fellow parishioners, share a simple meal and more importantly get to know others in a deeper way. Foyer groups are an exciting way to engage in parish life within our own parish family.

### GREETERS

Lois Bendler (2009) and Jeff Rush, Co-chairs

The Greeters' ministry is to serve as the Church's host and hostess by welcoming visitors, newcomers, and parishioners as guests of God at church services and special events.

Skill set propensity desired for ministry team membership: outgoing, friendly, and faithful demeanor. The committee

## ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

Eligibility to vote at a parish meeting shall be restricted to those baptized members of sixteen years of age or over, who, for six months prior to such meeting, have been regular worshipers at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Membership on the Vestry at Christ Church is made up of fifteen lay men and women elected for three-year terms at the Annual Meeting in January. Each year five new members are elected from among at least ten nominated by the Vestry Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made by petition. No Vestry person may be elected to succeed himself/herself; however, a former Vestry member who has been out of office for at least one year may be elected for a new three-year term.

The members of the Vestry serve as lay leaders in working with the clergy and staff in planning, implementing and evaluating the various aspects of parish programs. The Vestry has responsibility for providing the funds necessary to support the activities of the church, including the salaries of its clergy and staff and necessary maintenance and repairs to the physical facilities. Each year the Vestry elects as its officers Senior and Junior Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, assistants to each of these if needed, and a Chancellor (usually an attorney) to supervise the legal affairs of the parish.

The Vestry meets on the third Monday of each month. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

## THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH

### Term Expiring 2010

Susan Larsen, Secretary  
Joseph Maycock, Jr., Senior Warden  
Patricia O'Brien  
Donald N. Sweeny III  
Allan Torp

### Term Expiring 2011

Libby Candler, Junior Warden  
Harold (Ted) Hagan  
Joseph Katulic  
Paula Labadie  
Jeffrey vonSchwarz

### Term Expiring 2012

Peggy Beadle  
Denise Crenshaw  
Mark Lorenger  
David McCoy  
Amie Sweeney

## **DISASTER RELIEF TASK FORCE**

David Redfield, Chair

Purpose/Mission of the Committee: to support the mission of Christ Church and to build up the Kingdom of God by responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters that have undergone severe upset and/or dislocation due to a major disaster. Recent examples are: we have mobilized responses to the 2004 Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina in 2006-2008.

Highlight of 2009: participated as a member of the Outreach Committee. There were no specific programs or activities in 2009.

Ministry plans/goals for 2010: to encourage the use of the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund as an extension of our love for others. Funds can be sent directly to ERD via [www.er-d.org/](http://www.er-d.org/) or through a designated offering to Christ Church.

## **EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT**

Heather Jones, Representative

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is: to represent the Episcopal Church worldwide in time of disaster, wherever refugees are displaced, anywhere assistance is needed in meeting Christ's challenge to cloth the naked, feed the hungry, visit those in prison.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: It has been the approach at Christ Church to make the programs and emergency challenges of ERD known to parishioners with information about how to individually support ERD. No annual ask is organized since CC has an active Outreach program to meet the needs of agencies and programs in southeast MI.

Ministry Plans/Goals for the coming year are to step up distribution of information via bulletin board postings, etc.

Ministry team/members: Heather Jones (881-7799).

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: 2 – 4 hours.

## **GIFTS AND GREENS**

Jean Redfield and Paula Labadie, Co-Chairs

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is: to bring the parish and community together to accomplish the secular chores of Christmas (e.g., holiday decorating and gift buying) in an alternative environment while raising significant funds for Outreach, local and Fair Trade producers.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: Awarded \$15,800 in Outreach funds from 2008 sale: \$7,900 to Habitat Grosse Pointe Partners, and \$7,900 to Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana's Office of Disaster Response (EDOLA-ODR); conducted review of 2008 sale in order to capture lessons learned and plans for improving 2009 event (lower costs, lower efforts, add to mission); recruited new leads for Tree Lot, Bake Sale, Fair Trade booth, volunteer coordinator and vendors recruitment, and attracted several new members as weekend volun-

teers; successfully held Gifts and Greens Sale December 4-6, 2009 which included a Preview Party, Silent and Live Auctions, Fair Trade Booth, Santa's Workshop, Bake Sale, Greens Boutique and Tree Lot; raised more than \$15,000 (as of 12/14/2009); designated new recipients for 2009 - St. Peter's Home for Boys community garden effort and Habitat Grosse Pointe Partners; recipients led a Sunday forum to build parish knowledge and support of the organizations missions and efforts.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are: Continue to build "low impact" approach to Gifts and Greens while building the weekend as a community-based alternative to secular Christmas preparation. Recruit/shift chair and co-chair roles to expand parish involvement.

List of ministry team/members are: Jean Redfield, Paula Labadie, Ann Eatherly, Susan Heinen, Hope Hoffman, Mary Kay Blaine, Dave Redfield, Mil Hurley, Matt Hurley and Joan Dennehy

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: approximately 450 (including approx. 275 volunteer hours on the weekend).

## **OUTREACH FUNDING COMMITTEE**

Libby Candler, Chair

The purpose of the Outreach Funding Committee is to be responsible for the allocation of funds to charitable and/or community organizations which support the church, the Vestry's vision for Outreach Ministries and additionally, which have a direct or indirect relationship with Christ Church Grosse Pointe, its members, the Diocese of Michigan or the Episcopal Church in general. Grant application deadlines for each year are May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Grant applications can be found on the Christ Church web site. Each committee member is assigned applications to review and present to the full committee for deliberation. The following programs were funded in 2009: Bound Together, City Year, Inc, The General Theological Seminary, Mariners Inn, Simon House, Crossroads, The Detroit Institute for Children, Ruth Ellis Center, Bishop H. I. Mayson Scholarships, Canterbury House, St. Francis Cabrini Clinic, Sunshine Community Preschool, Eastpointe Family Supper, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Adult Well-Being and Fr. David Dieter Discretionary Fund. Total funding for 2009: \$62,000

2009 Committee Members: Chair- Libby Candler, Staff - The Very Rev. David Dieter, Committee Members: Ted Hagan, Sara Ralph, Laura Huebner, Heather Jones, Mary Herring, George Sutton, John Van Osdol.

chairpersons handle the scheduling and actively recruit members of the church to serve in this ministry. Ministry team members serve approximately every eight weeks.

2009 Review: The 11:15 a.m. service experienced a substantial drop in 2009 with a total of 31 parishioners serving as Greeters; down 11 members from the previous year.

Sunday morning and special event greeters' goals for 2010: 100% coverage by ministry team members at the front and rear lobby doors during the 9 and 11:15 am services and special event services and to grow ministry team membership by fifteen percent.

Hours dedicated in 2009: With a total of approximately 63 active Greeters and two committee chairpersons, hours dedicated to this ministry in 2009 is estimated at slightly over 225 hours.

## **HOLY DUSTERS**

Karyn Weir, Chair

The mission of the Holy Dusters is to help keep our house of worship clean and welcoming and to enjoy fellowship in the process. We clean when there is need, usually four times a year, under the direction of the Director of Facilities. There are all levels of physical exertion so anyone can participate at any level. Approximately 190 hours are spent per annum cleaning/polishing wood, vacuuming cushions and dusting. There are currently 32 people on the committee and more are always welcome. Please contact Mike Fournier or Karyn Weir if you would like to join this enjoyable endeavor.

## **NEW MEMBER INCORPORATION**

Richard Beadle, Chair

The eight hardy "Shepherds" begin connecting with newcomers to Christ Church through "Screen Door Visits" by delivering a loaf of banana bread, an Episcobear and a face-to-face welcome or a welcoming note. One of the shepherds becomes a chaperon for that individual and stays in contact with him/

## **PARISH PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES**

Joe Katulic, Vestry Chair

The Very Rev. David Dieter, Staff Representative

The Parish Pastoral Care Ministries at Christ Church continue to be dedicated to the compassionate and continuous delivery of prayer and empathy, listening and encouragement, comfort and hospitality to the many persons in the parish and in the community. The pastoral ministries are fueled by the commitment of well over 100 team members. This number has grown significantly with the recent expansion of the Stephen Ministers' program. The pastoral team members contribute thousands of hours of their time and effort each year to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves." They live out the critical mission of our church in effective ways that are particular to each pastoral care team. The ministries are under the constant guidance and leadership of Senior Associate Rector David Dieter with the availability of the Ves-

her through the new member boarding process. The contact may be by phone, meeting at church, over a cup of coffee or a lunch. We attempt to ascertain the level of involvement desired by the newcomer and then connect him/her with the appropriate parish ministry. Twice annually, we also facilitate a new member class to familiarize newcomers with what ministries are available and conclude those classes with either a cook-out at the rectory or a dinner at the church.

## **PARISH GATHERINGS**

Karyn Weir, Chair

The mission of the Parish Gatherings Committee is to promote and support our Christian community by providing social events throughout the year. Those events include the Mardi Gras dinner/party, Easter Vigil reception, Mothers' Day reception, Pentecost strawberry shortcake reception, Ministry Fair lunch and the Fall Tea. Our plans for next year are much the same and we would like to expand our committee. It is difficult to estimate the number of hours spent preparing food, cooking, baking, decorating, serving and cleaning up, but we enjoy the fellowship working together provides. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Karyn Weir.

## **WHOLLY WEDNESDAYS**

The Very Rev. David Dieter, Clergy Representative

As a means of supporting the mission of CCGP, the purpose of this ministry is to provide a regular opportunity for primarily social, educational or recreational experiences for persons the age of 60 or thereabouts.

The goal for the coming year is a new name and new/or re-energized and consistent leadership from the constituency that this ministry is intended to serve.

Ministry Hour are 185 when fully engaged.

try Chair for Pastoral Care to provide information and liaison to the vestry as needed. Pastoral Care Ministries continue to be vibrant and active in their contribution to Christ Church's mission.

## **Sub-ministries of Parish Pastoral Care Ministries**

### **"A STITCH IN TIME. . ."**

Judy Thoma, Chair

Our members, a very ecumenical group of ladies, meet every Tuesday in the Undercroft from 10 am to 2 pm. We use our God given skills and time to create items for outreach to the poor and needy. This is fun, fellowship, exchange of skills, and

personal support all while creating items for our outreach projects. Our goals are simple: to continue creating items for the needy and to recruit/welcome new members who wish to support our goals. Anyone interested in joining us should simply come to a meeting or contact Judy Thoma or Mary Herbert. A milestone for this year: we celebrated 10 years of making over 2,000 bears.

As a group, our combined hours total over 1,250 hours. We have created bears “to bring comfort, warm the heart, and soothe the soul”, created lap robes for warmth, created an afghan for a homeless recipient, plus hats and scarves for the poor and needy in Antrim County as well as the Corktown area. We are excited this year about our newly formed partnership with the Detroit Medical Center/Karmanos Center Spiritual Team by providing bears and comfort blankets for distribution to those in need. Your help is needed as the demand is great.

#### **BEREVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY**

The Very Rev. David Dieter, Clergy  
Martha Williams, Lay Convener

As a means of supporting the mission of CCGP, the purpose of this ministry is to provide opportunities for persons suffering the loss of a loved one and to gain education on all issues surrounding grief and loss.

Although meeting monthly, this ministry now will offer semi-annual retreats or workshops at Christ Church. Individual or small group sessions are available by request with Fr. David.

The goal for the coming year is to offer a post-Easter retreat and another in the fall.

Estimated ministry hours are 100.

#### **CAREER TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP**

The Very Rev. David Dieter, Clergy  
Dr. Richard Gibson, Convener

As a means of supporting the mission of CCGP, the purpose of this ministry is to provide support, networking opportunities and technical resources for persons who have lost employment or are concerned that they will lose employment. As of October 2009 the group is now known as *Ecumenical Career Networking-Eastside Take Control*. They meet the 4th Monday of the month at CCGP. Other Grosse Pointe host parishes are St. Paul's on the Lake, Grace Church, and St. Ambrose.

The goal for the coming year is to increase visibility of the group and to assist persons in their efforts to find employment or give encouragement while they work toward that end.

Estimated ministry hours: 140.

#### **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Jean Redfield, President

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is: to bring together a lay religious order of women for prayer, service and evangelization.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: Plan to incorporate at least 3 new members into the order in Spring 2010; supported the various prayer and service activities of the parish through: active prayer list and group prayer at monthly meetings, maintaining vigil candles in the Baptistry; sponsored Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are: Continued incorporation of new members; continued parish support through prayer and service; improved communication and prayer support with other pastoral care ministries, especially Stephen Ministers and Bereavement Support; Sponsoring Quiet Day for parish in winter/spring 2010, and Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil.

Ministry team/members are: Jean Redfield (President), Martha Williams (Vice President) Wendy Niven (Prayer List), Susan Stapleton (Prayer Calendar), Sally Mackintosh (Treasurer), and Diane Jahnke (Discernment/Membership).

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: approximately 300.

#### **DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**

Pat Wenzel, Chair

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is: to provide support to those in various stages of divorce through confidential sharing, mutual support and prayer. The group meets on an as needed basis.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: there was minimal need for meetings in 2009.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are: to continue to meet as needed. Publicize the opportunities for those who may be in need of support.

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: 15 hours

#### **FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY**

Margaret Torp, Coordinator

The mission of the Funeral Reception Ministry is to offer support to families, as well as assistance to the clergy at the time of a funeral or memorial service. This ministry is a vital part of the Pastoral Care Ministry at Christ Church.

Assessments for the program year: the ministry supported families and assisted clergy at nine funeral/memorial services; planned, prepared, and served at All Saints' Sunday reception; continued care of table linens and silver; purchased necessary supplies for receptions; and planned, prepared, and served during funeral receptions.

Ministry plans for the coming year: encourage more parishioner involvement in this ministry, review and streamline procedures with team members, contact members new to Christ Church with information regarding this ministry, and seek three to four women to assume responsibility as coordinator for a particular month. Currently, there are three months lacking a coordinator.

Ministry monthly coordinators: Shirley Bradley, Stephanie

## **PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

Mark Lorenger, Vestry Co-chair

Helen Santiz, Non-Vestry Co-Chair

The Very Rev. David Dieter, Staff Representative

The purpose of the Parish Outreach Ministries is to establish and nurture faithful relationships with outreach programs within our Detroit Metropolitan community and beyond. Additionally, Outreach Ministries is responsible for the stewardship of outreach funds through coordinated Vestry approved fundraisers, as well as the distribution of those funds to named beneficiaries. Programs supported in the 2009 calendar year: Bound Together Detroit; City Year, Inc.; The General Theological Seminary; Mariners Inn; Simon House; The Detroit Institute for Children; Crossroads; Ruth Ellis Center; Lawrence Hall Youth Services; Bishop H. I. Mayson Scholarship; Bound Together, Pontiac; Canterbury House; St. Francis Cabrini Clinic; Sunshine Community Preschool; Eastpointe Family Supper; St. Gabriel's MCREST; and Adult Well-Being.

Christ Church annual fundraising events included the Antiques Show, Gifts and Greens Sale, the Outreach Dinner and Golf Outing along with the Relay for Life Wine Tasting evening.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are to continue building upon our relationships with current outreach partners as well as to be open and to nurture new relationships. The ministry plans to produce a brief overview brochure of all of the ministries that make up Parish Outreach Ministries.

Current committee members and their outreach ministries include: Vestry Co-chair: Mark Lorenger (Annual Outreach Dinner and Golf Outing), Non-Vestry Co-chair: Helen Santiz (Christ Church/Church of the Messiah Partnership), Staff: David Dieter; Committee Members: Libby Candler (Outreach Funding Committee); Ted Hagan (Crossroads); Marta Heinen and Susan Heinen (Bound Together Detroit), Kirsti Juergens and Robin Maghielse (Antiques Show); Mike Labadie (Habitat for Humanity); Paula Labadie and Jean Redfield (Gifts and Greens), Dave Redfield (Disaster Relief); Harriett Whitaker (Relay for Life).

#### **Sub-ministries of Parish Outreach Ministries**

##### **CHRIST CHURCH/CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH PARTNERSHIP**

Helen Santiz, Lay Chair

This year Church of the Messiah has emerged as a serious leader in the city of Detroit. Through their '08 creation of CUFS (Citizens United For Safety), and their leadership, ideas, integrity, and thorough planning, they have attracted the attention and respect of leaders in city government, police, business, churches, and the community at large.

Highlights for 2009: A new second service has helped bring church attendance up to 120; the leaking roof of the parish house has been repaired; Carol Gaskin sent more than 25 bunches of Easter flowers from Christ Church to Messiah to help in their Easter service. Each individual was offered flow-

ers to put at the foot of the newly-repaired Green Jesus; the Green Jesus was returned to His place, on the anniversary of His disappearance; the second annual CUFS parade was held; the Rev. Barry Randolph is working on using CUFS to bring the churches of Detroit together in a coordinated effort to serve the people of the city; “Fallen Angels” was launched by Rev. Barry (with TV coverage) on Oct. 28, as a lead into the 3 days of Angels' Nights. It was a service commemorating those who were victims of crime. Messiah hosted more town hall meetings with civic leaders. Rev. Barry developed an outstanding vegetable and flower garden all around the church, and the produce was shared by members of the church; Bound Together Detroit (after-school tutoring for elementary children) expanded to three days; Ray of Hope (after-school computer-based tutoring for teens) continues to be a challenge. We are mentoring the formation of a new partnership between St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's and St. John's Royal Oak.

It has been a glorious year--God is good!

CCGP active committee members: Daisy Bledsoe-Herring, Kathy Brennan, Bill Cudlip, David Dieter (clergy liaison), Jeannie Davis, Linda Hart, Gerhard and Susan Heinen, Marta Heinen, Courtney Knight, Sally Mackintosh, Kim McNulty, Vicki Nelson, Lorraine and Pat Phelan, Helen Santiz (chair). Time dedicated to the ministry:

Meetings: 4 per year, total about 8 hours

Volunteer activities vary by the individual's choice

#### **COOPERATIVE NURSERY AT CHRIST CHURCH**

Louise Blake, Directress

The Cooperative Nursery at Christ Church operates a nursery school for children who are from three to five years old. The Nursery provides a unique opportunity for parents to actively share in their child's first introduction to school. The program provides an opportunity for the children to participate in living and practical learning while promoting individual growth in an atmosphere of security and acceptance. The program is designed to develop a positive self-image in each of the children, to help the children learn self-control and self-discipline, to teach the children how to share and take turns with materials, to aid the children in learning to be courteous in speech and behavior, to offer the children an opportunity for self-directed play in a free environment, to allow the children the pure pleasure of play, to encourage the children to respect their peers and their individual differences, to help the children in learning to follow directions in a group and in individual situations, and to offer readiness skills appropriate to the individual children according to their age and ability. Children of Christ Church families are welcomed as students at the Cooperative Nursery at Christ Church. There is a preference for admission available for Christ Church Grosse Pointe children.

John Snyder, Joseph Maycock, John Conway, Ann Eatherly, Chris Lucander, George Nicholson, Libby Candler, and Kerry Crenshaw. Theresa Muzzi is on the Committee as the Parish Representative along with the Treasurer of the Parish, Jean Redfield. The brokerage representative where the assets are custodied, Michael Welch at RW Baird, also serves on the Committee. No member of the Committee benefits economically from being on the Committee.

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: Approximately 120 hours (2 + hours per person in meetings and numerous hours preparing for the meetings).

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Joe Katulic, Chair

The Rev. Brad Whitaker, Staff Representative

The Personnel Committee serves the rector and vestry on personnel issues. It consists of members who have human resource, legal, and parish leadership skills and experience. The committee consults on the full range of personnel matters including hiring, performance, wages, and benefits, organizational structure, and termination matters. Committee members come from a variety of backgrounds and work environments and are called upon as needed to offer their special skills and expertise.

#### **THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW COMMITTEE**

Curl Tutag, Honorary Chair

Mike DeFillipi and Elaine Yates, Co-chairs

The Stained Glass Window Committee formed in 2005 with twenty very talented and enthusiastic members pairing up to research and register each window with the Michigan Stained Glass Census. The research for this registration provided the educational foundation for our awareness that the windows were in need of serious and very special conservation. Considering the economic climate and the decline in the stock market, we realized there was no chance for conservation work in the near future (the Conservation Trust Fund had dropped below principle). We made the conscious decision to continue working hard to prepare ourselves for the time when funds were available. We also continued to educate the parish, including the Sunday school, about the stories of Old and New Testament scripture content of each window through Sunday forums.

The purpose of the Stained Glass Window Committee is: to maintain accurate documents on each of our stained glass windows; to determine when and what kind of repairs are needed; to create products, such as note cards for all occasions, coloring books, a "Coffee Table" book, audio/video tours, and a web site to expand our Christian ministry in the parish, the community and the world at large. Some of the products will be for sale to contribute to the Stained Glass Window Conservation Fund.

The past year and a half has been one of significant activity. It was during the summer of '08 when some parishioners, educated through the forums and concerned about the need for the restoration project to begin came forward and expressed a desire to anonymously provide the funds to ensure that the

Window Conservation Project proceed as soon as possible. We presented the idea to the Vestry at their retreat in January 2009 and they gave their approval to proceed. Mike De Fillipi and Elaine Yates visited Rohlf's Studio in Mount Vernon, N.Y. and Reinart's Studio in Winona, Minnesota on February 13th and March 6th to see first-hand exactly who would be working on our precious windows. We compiled a contract spread sheet of each studio bid and had a unanimous decision to present to the Vestry in March. In April, we presented the project to the parish. In May we had a firm five phase, two-year contract with Rohlf's Studio. On May 12th, Father Whitaker blessed the project, its workers and the committee as we began Phase I. In June, they returned to complete Phase V (the painting and cleaning of all Cloister and Undercroft windows). On September 9th, RAM Construction completed replacing two cracked stone lintels in window #9 (the Last Supper). For two weeks in September Rohlf's returned to complete Phase I and begin Phase II. Most importantly, the final installation in April of 2011 will providentially coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the first installation (1936 Whitsunday/Pentecost) of the Savior Mundi Window (behind the altar) - a theologically significant date celebrating the birth of the Church (Pentecost) as well as the original dedication of Christ Church!

None of this work could have been accomplished without a committee willing to do whatever was needed at a minute's notice, the clergy and Vestry willing to fit an enormous project into a stressful two years, staff willing to support and be patient with all the interruptions, the Wardens and Chancellor willing to ensure all documents were correct, volunteers willing to clean the Nave full of dust after each phase and parishioners mindful of the gift the Anderson Family gave to Christ Church in 1926 and the importance of preserving it for future generations of worshipers. Special thanks to Mike DeFillipi and Brendan Ross for their tireless gift of photography to ensure we have the very best still and video record of the process possible, to George Sutton who generously gave his time to co-chair the Oversight Committee with Elaine Yates, and to Sheila Sweeny for her encouraging presence every time Rohlf's men were on sight.

Expenditures/Donations: \$3,000 was donated and 1,000 hours were contributed to the project this year.

From the \$600,000 (five phase) contract: expenses of Phase I, \$158,250; Phase V, \$10,500; half of Phase II, \$66,162 = \$234,912.

From the Stained Glass Conservation Fund (established by Curl Tutag): expenses of \$6,000 for the stone replacement.

Members: Cally Barrett, Betsy Creedon, Joyce Dennison, Stuart Grigg, Lynnette Iannace, Joe Katulic, Kim McNulty, Nancy Nicholson, Pat O'Brien, David Perez, Brendan Ross, Nancy Ross, John Snyder, Sharon Snyder, Penny Soby, Sheila Sweeny, George Sutton

Hampton, Peggy Maycock, Margaret Torp, Kathie von-Schwarz, Beverly Walsh, Peggy Woodhouse, and Elaine Yates.

Estimated number of persons/ministry hours: Forty women have committed to serving this ministry either by serving as a greeter, providing cookies, making phone calls, serving at receptions, and/or coordinating a reception. From initial contact to preparation and conclusion involves approximately eight to ten hours.

#### **PASTORAL CARE SUPPORT**

Lynne Cameron, Coordinator

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is to provide gentle, occasional calls and visits to parishioners and friends of Christ Church who have experienced loss, sickness or isolation. Team members are not required to have special training, just a caring and friendly spirit. This extension of pastoral care is intended to reach out beyond the capacity of clergy and Stephen Ministers.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: pastoral care visits and phone calls by both the clergy and parishioners continued to be tracked. "Card Angels" began in November. The "angel of the month" sends a greeting to parishioners on the anniversary of a loved one's death and to those who are in need of comfort or encouragement. Inclusion of estimated contacts made by Stephen Ministers was also included in the tracking process beginning in November to give all involved a better idea of the number of contacts made to both parishioners and non-parishioners but in no way begins to top the number of hours of actual contact.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are to increase the number of lay visits made to parishioners; review contacts made to insure those needing/wanting regular visits are indeed being contacted; to continue both the "Card Angels" outreach and inclusion of Stephen Minister contacts made each month in the "master tracking."

#### **PARISH LITURGY AND WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

Pat O'Brien, Vestry Co-chair

Peggy Woodhouse, Non-Vestry Co-chair

The Rev. Brad Whitaker and Scott Hanoian, Staff Representatives

In support of this parish, the mission/purpose of the Parish Worship Council is to be good stewards in Christ and to assist the Rector and other clergy with the planning and development of special services and to provide meaningful input for the staff regarding regular worship services.

The members of this ministry team are expected to provide input not only from their own diverse backgrounds, but also from feedback solicited or received from parishioners at large. The ministry meets quarterly - March, June, September, and December to review the activities of the following committees: Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, Vergers, Altar Guild, Flower Committee, Choirs, Antiques Show Co-chairs, Ushers, Greeters, Guild of the Christ Child, Wedding Coordi-

Contacts - The Very Rev. David Dieter, Clergy Supervisor or Lynne Cameron, Coordinator

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 was thirty-five to track the calls/visits and cards sent out but it's impossible to estimate the great number of hours the clergy spent during their calls/visits to parishioners and others.

#### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Ben Daume, Michael DeFillipi, Polly Ledyard,

Sharon Snyder, Leaders

The Very Rev. David Dieter, Staff Representative

The mission/purpose of this ministry is confidential, holy, one-on-one listening to those in need and support.

Highlights of the 2009 program year: twice monthly meetings of Stephen Ministers for peer support and supervision. In the spring, a new class of 20 Stephen Ministers was trained and commissioned.

Ministry plans for the coming year: engage all active Stephen Ministers in caring relationships with care receivers by identifying parishioners in need.

Ministry team consists of leaders (mentioned above) and active Stephen Ministers: Mary Bamford, Mike Bamford, Alesia Bicknell, Sheri Conway, Bill Cudlip, Carol Gaskin, Richard Gibson, Marta Heinen, Mary Holmes, Scottie Knight, Crit Leibbrand, Keith Leibbrand, Mark Lorenger, Sue Lorenger, Jessica Mitchell, Wendy Niven, Penny Soby, Chuck Tasin, Martha Williams. Over 100 other Stephen Ministers are currently on leave or retired.

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry by Stephen Minister and leaders for 2009: 1,500+.

nator, and Director of Facilities.

During the program year the Ushers and Greeters goal was to provide a welcoming, comfortable environment. The Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Vergers and Clergy worked to present meaningful, reverent and thought-provoking services. The Choirs, Altar Guild and Flower Guild arranged an enriching, uplifting and beautiful setting. The Acolytes, Nursery, and Guild of the Christ Child provided nurturing opportunities and development for children. The Wedding Committee served parishioners needs during life's important events. The Director of Facilities ensured that the needs of every event were fulfilled.

This ministry's goal for the coming year is to ensure the success of each of the council members and to incorporate new members on the committees, offering them opportunities to serve. The work we do reflects the willingness of Christ Church to reach out to the community through concerts, chorales, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and services for special events, i.e. national tragedies or historical events.

The members are: Brad Whitaker, David Dieter and Lisa Flores (Clergy); David Dieter (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors); Jeff Stallings (Acolytes, Vergers); Sharon Snyder (Altar Guild); Candice Sweeny (Flower Guild); Scott Hanoian (Choirs, Chorale); Scott Hanoian, Cyndee Harrison, Kirsti Juergens, and Robin Maghielse (Antiques Show 2010); Jeff vonSchwarz (Ushers); Mary Gushee, Meredith Hanoian, Liz Johnson, Jennifer Wu and Lisa MacLean (Guild of the Christ Child); Anne Birgbauer (Wedding Coordinator); Michael Fournier (Director of Facilities). Please contact any of the members of this ministry if you are interested in becoming active in these committees.

The estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were 365 days x 24 hours, approximately.

### **Sub-ministries of Parish Liturgy & Worship Ministries**

#### **ACOLYTES/VERGERS**

Jeffery Stallings, Coordinator

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is: to offer, at the highest standard possible, praises to God through support of the worship service. Acolytes serve this ministry through duties that support the worship service and assist the priest to prepare for the Holy Eucharist. Vergers are responsible to recruit new Acolytes, train them, and nurture their service. Collectively, these individuals remain servants to the altar. Their primary duty is to serve God and the Church, and to assist the priest in whatever way he or she needs.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: Presently we have thirty-nine young people, grade four through twelve, involved in the Acolyte program. This includes eleven new members to this ministry who were recently trained and will be commissioned following the Advent/Christmas season. Currently we have eleven vergers.

Ministry plans and goals for the coming year: We would like to continue to engage and recruit new members from the current Sunday school classes, Grade Three and above, and any others who are interested; as requested by clergy, continue to expand the Acolyte and Verger service to include evensongs, funerals, and other special services; plan for an end of the year celebration to "thank" acolytes and vergers for their year of service (this celebration would occur in late spring before the end of the academic school year); and begin plans for regular attendance (every four years) to the Acolyte Festival at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

If you are interested in joining the team of Acolytes/Vergers, please contact one of the following: Jeffery Stallings, Coordinator; Ian Osborn, Head Acolyte; or The Rev. Bradford Whitaker, Clergy-Liaison.

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: 1,400.

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Sharon Snyder, Directress

It is the mission of the Altar Guild to provide a seamless and beautiful setting in which the clergy can conduct services of baptism and communion. All elements are set out and cleared. Linens are laundered and ironed. Silver is kept in good repair and washed and polished. We are a group of dedicated ladies who generally work in teams or pairs. There is real satisfaction in this behind-the-scenes service.

Members are invited to join the Altar Guild by the rector. Then new members are trained until they are confident to serve on their own. If you would like to join us, please speak to the Directress or Rector.

Currently our members are: Anne Birgbauer, Susan Chaklos, Betsy Creedon, Catherine Dawson, Bobbi Gaspar, Stephanie Hampton, Sue Harper, Lynnette Iannace, Edie Jacques, Susan Jeffery, Jean Jones, Al Mackey, Kim McNulty, Nancy Nicholson, Wendy Niven, Nancy Ross, Sharon Snyder, Sally Stallings, Emily Tennyson, Chris Wardwell, Sally Wheeler, Harriett Whitaker, Katherine Wilson, and Margaret Woodford.

It is estimated that we have spent well over 400 hours on service to this work.

#### **ANTIQUES SHOW 2009**

Scottie Knight and Nancy Osborn, Co-chairs

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is: to provide financial support for the Music and Outreach Ministries of Christ Church. The Show also provides a wonderful opportunity to bring parishioners together to work towards a common goal and to share our church with the larger community.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: In 2009, the 25th Anniversary Antiques Show was held May 29-31. The Show offered beautiful antiques from 30 dealers from around the country and featured an appraisal clinic and a design lecture/book signing by internationally known designer Charles Faudree. Revenue was generated through private and corporate sponsorship, advertising, silent auction, parties and ticket sales. The net profit for the Show again exceeded \$60,000 which was divided between the Music and Outreach Ministries per Vestry direction.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are: The 26th Antiques Show will be held June 4-6, 2010. The Show will again offer dealers from around the country, a Preview Party with Silent Auction, and a lecture featuring renowned designer Barry Dixon.

List of 2010 ministry team/members are: Scott Hanoian, Cyndee Harrison, Kirsti Juergens, and Robin Maghielse

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009: It is estimated that over 1850 hours were

Ministry Team/Members are: Jean Redfield (Treasurer), Theresa Muzzi (staff), George Nicholson, Joe Maycock, Blair Osborn, Kit Tennyson, Mark Lorenger, Lynda Altovilla, David McCoy, Amie Sweeney.

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: 300.

#### **GIFTS, FURNISHINGS AND ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE**

Stuart Grigg, Chair

Jack McCormick, Temporary Chair

In 2010, the Gifts, Furnishings, and Acquisitions Committee (GFAC) marked a decade of service to the Lord at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. It is charged with oversight, repair, placement, and acquisition of decorative arts at the unique, historic CCGP church building and campus. GFAC serves as an extension of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The majority of funds for projects are raised directly by the committee through estate sales, thereby relieving the church budget of the expense of conservation and acquisition projects which fall outside of normal maintenance and repair.

Acceptance of gifts, maintenance of the inventory records, and design and installation of new stained glass are overseen by this group. Highlights of 2009 include the acceptance and installation of the 18<sup>th</sup> century lead urns in the lobby, and the sculpture of flying geese in the Columbarium given by Hugo Higbie. The committee originated the project which led to the current stained glass restoration work. Anticipated in 2010 are an estate sale; conservation and restoration of the needlepoint kneelers in the Chancel; and continued upholstery and restoration of furnishings.

Members of the committee include John Booth, Libby Candler, Martha Ford, Stuart Grigg, Hugo Higbie, Kirsti Juergens, John McCormick, Patricia O'Brien, Robert Payne, Nola (Curl) Tutag, Catherine Walker, James Williams, Norah Williams, John Woodhouse, and Elaine Yates. The Rev. Brad Whitaker, Theresa Muzzi, and Michael Fournier are ex officio members of GFAC. Parishioners interested in gifting items, and/or participation in the committee's work, may contact any of its members.

#### **GREEN TEAM**

Candy Sweeny, Chair

The purpose of the Green Team ministry is to educate and to encourage the implementation of a green environment within the Christ Church Grosse Pointe community by the reduction of our carbon footprint. Beginning in 2008, we initiated communications in the Sunday Bulletin, *Crossings*, and the weekly email updates. We continue to collaborate with the Cloister Bookshop and the Welcoming Committee by offering green cloth bags for purchase to our parishioners for shopping or gift bags.

On Sunday, May 3, the Green Team helped with the preparation and planning for the Earth Day Celebration Services which had the readings, hymns, offertory, and sermons dedicated to "Caring for God's Creatures." At the Adult Forum,

Jacob Corvidae, from DTE Warm Training Center, presented "Ways to Save Money by Saving Energy." We also distributed an updated Curbside Recycling Tip Sheet to all participants.

On Saturday, October 24, the Green Team participated with 350.org mission "to inspire the world to rise to the challenges of the climate crisis - to create a sense of urgency and possibilities for our planet." As part of the International Day of Climate Change Action, we sponsored the "Ecumenical 350 Gathering" for the Detroit Community. Parishioners from Christ Church, Detroit; Christ Church, Grosse Pointe; Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, and other concerned citizens participated in this gathering on the front lawn. We submitted a photo of our group to the 350.org web site and joined with over 5,200 events in 181 countries. This was the most widespread day of environmental action in the planet's history.

As new members of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light (MiIPL), we invited Julie Lyons Bricker, Executive Director, to speak at the Sunday, November 22, Adult Forum. She explained and showed examples of the "religious response to Global Warming - through energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy and education." Hand-outs were made available. Our membership to MiIPL entitled Christ Church to become a recipient of a new DTE energy audit.

We continue to work with the staff at Christ Church to become better stewards of our energy consumption and reduce our carbon footprint daily.

#### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Bruce Greening, Chair

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission of this ministry is to advise the Vestry on the investment policies and guidelines for the Church's Endowment Funds, a combined pool of various endowments and working capital, and to make appropriate investment changes in the endowments to fulfill the long-term goals of the funds. The goals are to provide a stream of income for the various ministries supported by endowments while maintaining the inflation protected principal of the endowment.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: Met quarterly to discuss the endowments as we actively monitored the performance and took appropriate actions to assure the endowments are meeting their intended investment objectives. Our endowments recovered significantly from the March market lows, with adjustments made to our asset allocation during the year. In addition to the regular quarterly review meetings, a subcommittee was formed to consider alternative investments which met several times during the fourth quarter.

The Endowments increased in value by \$1,291,233 to \$5,956,583 at 12/31/2009 comprised of earnings of \$898,676 and net cash inflows of \$392,556. The total return for the Fund was 18.65% (unaudited) year to date.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are the same as 2009 and prior years.

List of Ministry Team/Members are: Bruce Greening, Chair;

The purpose of the committee is to maintain the integrity of the original design Eleanor L. Roche created, to maintain the selection of plant material in accordance with the memorial gift and to assist with the annual maintenance of the roses and boxwood in coordination with the maintenance department.

This past year we happily accepted the Higbie sculpture and experienced a huge surprise when overseeing its installation. In digging the 48” deep concrete footing hole for the stone plinth, the workers were amazed to discover solid white sand to the very bottom of the hole. Evidently Miss Roche had specified in the original construction that the entire rose garden area be excavated to a depth of five feet, removing all the clay/soil, and back filling with sand for proper drainage! No wonder the roses thrive.

The committee contributed about 95 hours to the weeding, fertilizing, spraying, deadheading blooms, pruning, closing (after the first frost), opening (after the forsythia blooms) and trimming the boxwood. For the last three years, at the suggestion of Candy Sweeny and Mil Hurley, we protected the bushes for the winter with leaves delivered by the Farms “leaf collectors.” In addition to no cost, one of the benefits was to use the removed leaves for mulch along Meadow Lane. It was a labor-intensive process, especially filling 86 bags of very wet leaves in the spring. Our maintenance department wanted us to try a new approach, wood mulch, for this winter. The Committee wants to thank Connie Markwick and David Yates for their generous donation of time to maintain this beautiful garden. For the convenience of volunteers, we keep a notebook with a calendar of care procedures, a diagram of the garden plan, and a supply of fertilizers and appropriate tools in the church shed.

Expenditures/Donations: We had \$271.39 in expenses and received \$50 in donations.

In 2010 the Committee plans to evaluate the winterizing process, the insecticide/fungicide spraying contract and consider how we might involve other parishioners in the care of this beautiful garden. Membership on the committee is always open to anyone who is interested.

Members: Lynda Altovilla, Jo Malecek Connie Markwick, Elaine Yates, Chair.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Larsen, Chair

The Communications Committee promotes effective professional communications with internal and external audiences. Our work supports the ministries, committees, and programs of the parish; provides tools to enhance and explain the Christ Church Grosse Pointe brand; promotes evangelism and new member attraction; ensures that parishioners understand the key messages of the parish and are aware of the opportunities for participation, growth, and support; and serves as a vital instrument for building the parish. Achievements of the past year have included increased radio advertising, which has been particularly effective in attracting larger attendance for the even-song and music programs; launch of the weekly online newsletter to provide more timely notice of parish happenings; and the conversion of *Crossings* to a bimonthly publication distributed

chiefly as a PDF online (though it is mailed to those who request it), which has cut down considerably on postage costs. Goals for the coming year include strengthening the parish brand, expanding the online communications reach, and increasing the effectiveness and usability of the Web site. We have benefited from the professional skills of two directors of communication this year: Cyndee Harrison, who stepped down in the summer of 2009, and JoAnn Amicangelo, who was hired in the fall of 2009. Active members of the committee include Kathie Anslow, Stuart Grigg, Cyndee Harrison, Heather Jones, Susan Larsen (chair), Lisa Nielsen, Wendy Niven, Elizabeth Soby, Brendan Ross, and Norah Williams. Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were 640.

## CONSERVATION FUND

Donald N. Sweeny III, Chair

Established January 26, 1987, the Conservation Fund is a Trust in which the income shall be “used solely for the purpose of providing major repairs to, and remodeling, renewals, replacements and expansions of, the buildings and grounds owned by Christ Church Grosse Pointe and the capital equipment and furnishings of said buildings, it being the intention here that none of the assets of said Trust shall be used for ordinary repairs and maintenance expenditures that have a useful life of less than a year.” Due to the significant decline in the economic markets, there was no income available in 2009 to supplement the Buildings and Grounds budget. Within the provisions of the governing instrument, the Conservation Fund did expend a small amount of principal for necessary repairs to the physical plan of the church and clergy residences. The Trust is administered by the Rector, Treasurer, Senior Warden, Buildings and Grounds Chair, and three trustees appointed by the Senior Warden and approved by the Vestry to serve six-year terms alternating every two years.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jean Redfield, Chair

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is to model stewardship by providing prayerful review and oversight of the financial resources of the parish, and recommendations/support to the vestry, staff and ministry chairs as appropriate.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: Supported parish-wide communications regarding parish financial position; supported external audit process and provided response to audit findings; led effort to generate 2010 budget scenarios and support 2010 budget approval process; presented recommended policy to Vestry for treatment of unrestricted bequests.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are: Fully implement multi-year planning process and “provisional” budgets (e.g. quarterly review of actuals vs. forecast with course correction as appropriate); broaden communications efforts to increase parish understanding of financial position and support overall stewardship efforts; continue efforts to streamline/clarify financial reports formats for ease of use; recruit new members to committee.

dedicated to the Antiques Show. This includes committee hours for planning throughout the year, committee and staff hours for preparation of the church buildings the weeks before and after the Show, and hundreds of parishioner hours for staffing during the weekend of the Show.

## CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS, CHOIR OF MEN AND GIRLS, CHRIST CHURCH CHORALE

Scott Hanoian, Director of Music and Organist

The principal mission of the music program at Christ Church is to offer, at the highest standard possible, praises to God through leadership in music and liturgy. The program also supports the education, religious and non-religious, of children through intensive musical tuition.

The choirs have spent the year singing services and concerts at a consistently high level of achievement. With the expansion of our concerts and special services in our series *Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space*, the Christ Church choirs have offered 12 even-songs, a Requiem mass, an Advent Procession, Christmas Lessons and Carols, and our first Celtic Evensong with communion. The series has also presented 6 concerts this past year involving the Christ Church Chorale as well as guest musicians from the surrounding area. In the coming year, we look forward to adding to our repertoire of liturgies an Epiphany Procession and Festival Eucharist services on the Feast of the Presentation, the Feast of the Annunciation, and the Feast of Ascension.

Our principal thrust for the years to come continues to be the recruitment of boys and girls to the choirs. In addition to adding choristers to fill the available slots in the choirs, we look for boys and girls with a hearty appetite for singing and a level of talent and commitment appropriate to the musical rigors of the Christ Church music program. Recruitment efforts continue through our *Chorister for a Day* program introduced last spring and continued this past fall.

In addition, we continue to offer programs during the coming year which look to energize our current membership roster as well as encourage visitors to Christ Church. Through our rigorous advertising with our local classical radio station, WRCJ, and through social networking sites and local media, we have reached an ever-growing market of interested patrons in southeastern Michigan. We have seen the positive results in our attendance at special services and concerts as we welcome more and more visitors to Christ Church.

## FLOWER GUILD

Candy Sweeny, Coordinator

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the purpose of this ministry is to provide flowers to the Glory of God, to enhance the worship experience, and to provide a means of celebration and memorial remembrances.

Highlights of the program year included welcoming new members to the flower guild, rearranging the floral storage and work space adjacent to the kitchen, purchasing a new floral service cart, some new hand pruning tools and a jet vacuum for ease of clean-up.

Flower Guild members include: Heather Bossler, Kathy Brennan, Betsy Campbell, Ann Eatherly, Carol Gaskin, Ann Hoag, Melody Huffer, Lisa MacLean, Jo Malecek, Brenda Mattila, Peggy Maycock, Helen McKnight, Gioconda McMillan, Nancy Nicholson, Abby Peck, Barbara Perez, Ursula Persidskis, Brenda Rittenhouse, Goody Semple, Candy Sweeny, Richard Thomas, Mary Trost, Beverly Walsh, Christine Watt; Helpers - Mike Fournier, David Gaskin, Denny Hoag, Jim Nykanen, David Perez, and Don Sweeny.

Estimated number of hours devoted to this ministry in 2009 were: 1850.

## GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD

Mary Gushee, Meredith Hanoian, Liz Johnson, Lisa MacLean, Jennifer Wu, Team Members

The mission of this ministry is to provide support to individuals and families who are planning a baptism at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We recognize that it may be a time at which people are beginning their life with the church or returning to their church life. We welcome them and provide information that may help them to feel more comfortable and understand other opportunities that are available within the church. Others already may be established with the church; we hope to further their experience of the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Highlights for the program year involved assisting with approximately twenty-six baptisms.

The primary ministry plan for the coming year is to continue our support to new families and increase the number of members on our ministry team. Please contact Liz Johnson, if you are interested in becoming active on this team.

Estimated number of total ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009 were: 90.

## LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND VISITORS

The Very Rev. David Dieter, Clergy

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission of this ministry is to support the worship experience throughout the year and sharing the sacraments with those who are able to receive in church and those who are home bound or in a medical facility.

Assessments for the program year are successfully and consistently serving at each Eucharistic experience, the training of new ministers and meaningful in-service education for the whole group.

Ministry goals for the coming year are full assignment of Visitors and attracting new persons to this critical ministry. Contact person is Fr. David Dieter

Estimated ministry hours are more than 2100.

## USHERS

Jeff vonSchwarz, Coordinator

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is to continue to serve at all ser-

vices, concerts, most Christ Church funerals, and special events. Duties of the ushers are to greet, seat, and give directions or aid to parishioners and guests. We have included children and youth at some services and would like to include them in our regular rotation.

Ministry Plans/Goals for the coming year: We have approximately 39 men, women and children/youth who serve and we

## PARISH RESOURCES MINISTRIES

Libby Candler, Vestry Chair  
Theresa Muzzi, Staff Representative

The Parish Resources Ministries assists the rector in the oversight of the ministry teams responsible for the financial health of Christ Church and its general operations. The ministry teams making up this area are, ACS Technologies; the Arimathaea Society (Planned Giving); Buildings and Grounds; Christ Church First (Stewardship); Columbarium and Memorial Garden; Conservation Trust; Finance; Gifts, Furnishings and Acquisitions; Investment; Personnel; Rose Garden; Green Team; and the Stained Glass Window. Thank you to all the ministry chairs and members for the time they contribute to these ministries. Also special thanks to Theresa Muzzi, Parish Administrator. An open invitation is extended to any parishioner who would like to serve on these ministry teams; we welcome fresh ideas and perspectives. If you are interested, please speak to any of the ministry chairs.

### Sub-ministries of Parish Resources Ministries

#### ACS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Wendy Niven, Chair

As a means of supporting the mission of this parish, the mission/purpose of this ministry is to provide technology support to parish activities through the full use of the Management Information System, ACS. This support includes working with staff to implement the features of ACS by helping to develop the database with parishioner information, ministry and committee membership, Christian Formation classes, attendance, and structure, and developing a usable system for special ministries to track their activities (the music program mailings; the Antiques Show).

Our goal is to enhance parish-wide communications through supporting the webpage ([www.christchurchgp.org](http://www.christchurchgp.org)) Members' Only section ("Parishioner Login"), where registered parishioners can see every ministry and committee to which they belong and send emails to other members of those committees. Parishioners can also view and update their church profiles and pledge on-line.

Highlights/Assessments for the program year: During this program year, the ACS committee focused on implementing two modules: the Special Mailings and Connections for new member welcoming/inclusion. The Special Mailings module was

would like to engage new members to our rota. If you are interested in becoming an usher, contact Jeff vonSchwarz at 313-886-5527 (home) or 313-882-5200 (office).

Estimated number of person/ministry hours dedicated to this ministry for 2009: 750.

found to be useful as archival storage; this year it will be used more extensively to maintain information for events such as the Antiques Show, upcoming music events, and other special activities. The Connections Module has been developed, although ongoing use has not been as strong as we would have liked.

We are continuing to encourage parishioners to sign up for web-based access through the Parishioner Login section of the CCGP website (go to <http://www.christchurchgp.org/> and click on the bright blue button at the top left-hand corner of the page). To date, 140 parishioners have joined this on-line information source.

Ministry plans/goals for the coming year are: Standardize information in ACS to ensure that mailings both inside and outside the parish are consistent and accurate; further develop the Connections Module to help with intra-parish communications; increase active participation in the ACS Technology Committee – if you are interested, please let us know; continue to provide support for the mission of CCGP by improving communications with parishioners and the larger community

Ministry team/members are: Wendy Niven (313-580-7208, [wdniv@comcast.net](mailto:wdniv@comcast.net)), Chair; Theresa Muzzi, Bill Cudlip, Mike DeFillipi, Stuart Grigg, Luanne Ahlbrand, Lisa Nielsen, Brendan Ross.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

George D. Sutton, Chair

The purpose and mission of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is to coordinate all activities relating to the ongoing maintenance, refurbishment or construction of all church property. This ministry works very closely with the Parish Administrator, Director of Facilities, the Gifts, Furnishings and Acquisitions Committee, Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee and the Virginia Brush Ford Rose Garden Committee.

We met fourteen times in 2009, reviewing financial reports, staffing, and immediate and future consideration concerns. We continued the established theme of reviewing the priority of projects; however, many remained on hold because of lack of expendable funds from Conservation Trust as well as within our operating budget. Our highlights for 2009 included: work-

ing as part of the oversight committee in support of the stained glass window project which included some stone replacement and repair, replacing our old pizza oven in the main kitchen with a more suitable stove, rerouting the water pipes in Miller Hall which were subject to freezing, making more comprehensive use of ACS to identify and track required maintenance tasks, installing upgraded heat tape to prevent ice dam roof leaks, repairing the lift in the Undercroft, and completing routine inspections of all clergy housing.

Our ministry goals for the coming year continue to ensure that we are prudent with our resources, ensure the safety of parishioners and visitors and maintain the value and integrity of all structures and grounds. One project which is ongoing is a comprehensive inspection of our steeple, or fleche as it is referred to in the original plans. The cross at the top blew off during a windstorm last year and will be replaced in 2010.

Our members include: Gaylord Creedon, Mike Fournier (Director of Facilities), Denny Hoag, Mark Lorenger, Jack McCormick, Theresa Muzzi (Parish Administrator), Candy Sweeny, Kit Tennyson, John Woodhouse, Elaine Yates and George Zinn. We have much to do and we can certainly use your time and talent. Please consider joining our ministry.

Ministry hours spent by members during the year, as well as other volunteers during our regular grounds clean-up days, totaled in excess of 1000 hours. This additional support is appreciated and is vital to our being good stewards of our grounds

#### CHRIST CHURCH FIRST

Members: Peggy Beadle, Libby Candler, Betsy Creedon, Denise Crenshaw, Fred DeHaven, Polly Ledyard, Mark Lorenger, Lisa MacLean, David McCoy, Anita McIntyre, Blair Osborn, Amie Sweeney, Beverly Curtiss Walsh, Pat Wenzel  
The Rev. Brad Whitaker, Staff Representative

"Pledges, endowments and grants are not just dollars on a spreadsheet; they are gifts from the people of God. Likewise expenses are not just dollars going out for payroll, benefits, or the mortgage, but dollars working in the service of the people of God for the building of Christian community." Ibbly Whitten

The Mission of Christ Church is to bring God and people together to know and live the Good News of Jesus Christ. Christ Church First continued to focus on building a giving culture in order to accomplish our Mission. Our theme this year was "The Gift of Giving." We began meeting during April concentrating on giving strengths versus weaknesses.

Our team developed and displayed a visual depicting the richness of our programs and the many parishioners involved in them. A Devotional Guide was created and inspirational messages were placed in the Sunday bulletin. Many members including children contributed to the Guide and it was used daily to reflect on the blessings of spiritual life and church family. CCF also conducted a forum focused on the giving of treasure.

Pledge letters were sent to all members asking them to prayerfully consider their pledge and to take part in Commitment Sunday. Our team and many other parishioners made

"encouragement" calls to members. We also created posters to track pledging milestones.

Christ Church First members are committed to continue our prayerful approach to this ministry. We believe all parishioners' time, talent and treasure are critical to the health and growth of our church.

#### THE COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL BURIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

Elaine Yates, Chair

The Columbarium is located on the northeast side of the Church and consists of stone walls of above-ground and in-ground double and single niches in a peaceful garden setting. The Columbarium is consecrated ground for the interment of an urn of ashes. The privilege of purchase is granted to current members of the church.

The Memorial Burial Garden is a special area located within the Columbarium and is consecrated for the interment of loose ashes by burying in the earth. Stone niches surround the pachysandra covered garden which is centered with the Glen Michaels' bronze sculpture, donated in memory of Virginia Niess Lofstrom. The privilege of purchasing burial here is available to current members of the parish and their family.

The purpose of the Columbarium committee is to oversee the accuracy of records, the purchase of niches, the ordering of bronze plaques, the interment of urns and ashes, the maintenance of Columbarium and Memorial Burial Garden grounds, and, when necessary, the design, construction, and repair of the Columbarium structures in coordination with the Administrative Assistant to the Rector and the maintenance department.

Expenditures/Donations: This past year we happily accepted the donation of a replacement crabapple tree from Curl Tutag in loving memory of her husband, Edward Tutag. Six niches and two scattering garden contracts were sold in the amount of \$18,500 with \$3,766.13 in expenses.

In 2010 the committee will review the funeral brochure and purchase contract, evaluate the process for opening and closing niches, the insecticide/fungicide/pruning contract and establish a consistent formula to be used for mortar.

Committee members: Allen Ledyard, Bill Mackey, Jack McCormick, George Sutton, Richard Thomas, Mike Fournier, Director of Facilities and Elaine Yates, Chair.

#### THE VIRGINIA BRUSH FORD MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN COMMITTEE

Elaine Yates, Chair

The Virginia Brush Ford Memorial Rose Garden was given with a trust fund for maintenance in memory of Mrs. Ford by her family and friends in 1965. It is an exact replica of the garden she so dearly loved, originally designed and duplicated for the Church by Landscape Architect, Eleanor L. Roche. The garden is located within the Columbarium and is centered by the Yan Macleod bronze sculpture of settling geese, "The Arrival", donated by the Hugo Higbie Family.