

CHRIST CHURCH

**311 South Orange Street
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**Annual Parish Meeting
January 24, 2010**

The Rev. Adam P. Kradel, Ph.D., Rector

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Agenda

I. Opening Business

- A. Prayer
- B. Appointment of Secretary of Annual Meeting
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Minutes of Annual Meeting of January 25, 2009

II. Elections in Acceptance with By-Laws

Reading of Qualification for Voters

- A. Nominees for Vestry – To serve on the term beginning February 2010 and ending in January 2013– Mike Gay, Judy Fitzgerald, Beth Moore, Paige Loper (2nd term)
- B. Diocesan Convention – Holly Cunningham, Hope Giamboy, Laurie Weber, Laura Hanson, alternate
- C. Deanery Delegates – Laura Hanson, Hope Giamboy, Jan Ross

Special thanks to retiring Vestry members: John Donaphon, Allen Andrews and Peter Falcone

III. Presentation of the Reports

- A. Rector's Report
 - B. Rector Warden's Report
 - C. Accounting Warden's Report
 - D. Finance Committee Report
 - E. Property Report
- Reports of:
- Preschool
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 - Logos
 - Membership
 - Stewardship
 - Communication
 - Endowment Board

IV. Other

V. Final Blessing and Adjournment

Christ Church
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
January 25, 2009

I. OPENING BUSINESS

Janet Miller, Rector's Warden, called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

Janet Miller announced that Ruth LeSturgeon was appointed secretary of the Annual Meeting.

Father Reed Brinkman began the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made to approve the Agenda for the Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 27, 2008. The motion was seconded and approved as presented.

Janet Miller noted that there were enough members present (78) for a quorum.

II. ELECTIONS IN ACCEPTANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS

Janet Miller reviewed the qualifications for members to vote at the Annual Meeting. To be qualified to vote, a parishioner must be over 16 years of age; have been baptized; and have been a member of Christ Church for at least a year. The member must have received communion at least twice and have contributed at least one dollar to the Church during the past year. Since there are currently about 300 qualified members of Christ Church, a quorum (at 10%) would consist of at least 30 people. There were more than 30 qualified parishioners present at the meeting; therefore, the quorum requirements were met.

Janet Miller introduced the nominees for Vestry. The new Vestry members would be elected to serve a term beginning February, 2009 and ending in January, 2012. The Vestry nominees were: Jim Mayer, Sandra McKeown, Jan Ross and Douglas Sisk.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of new Vestry members. The motion was approved.

Janet Miller introduced the nominees for delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The Diocesan Convention Delegate nominees were: Holly Cunningham, Hope Giamboy, Laurie Weber and alternate, Laura Hanson.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of Diocesan Convention Delegates. The motion was approved.

Janet Miller introduced the nominees for Deanery Delegates. The Deanery Delegate nominees were: Laura Hanson, Hope Giamboy and Jan Ross.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of Deanery Delegates. The motion was approved.

III. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS

A. The 2008 Interim Rector's Annual Report

Father Brinkman thanked the members of the Christ Church staff, particularly Rita Caserta, who has been our Parish Administrator for 18 years and who has facilitated the communication of the parish and has done so much to support the mission of the church. He thanked Joanne Petrosina, Preschool Director, for her excellent work in managing and leading a thriving and very successful program and expressed his appreciation for the commitment of the Preschool teachers and the Preschool Committee. He thanked Joel Lenderman, our Organist and Choir Director, and the choir for their musical offerings and dedication in helping to lead the Sunday liturgy.

He also thanked Sean Seeney, our Sunday Sexton, who faithfully opens and closes the church buildings; Janet Miller, the Rector's Warden, for her leadership, insight, and wise counsel; Allen Andrews and John Donaphon for their diligence and oversight of the church's finances; Chris Riess for his stewardship of the property and the members of the Vestry for their leadership both in the temporal affairs and the mission of the church.

He thanked Celia Chen and Brandt Butler who will be rotating off the vestry but will still be involved in leadership roles: Celia will continue to chair the Preschool Committee, and Brandt will continue to serve as a member of the Discernment Committee.

Father Reed also thanked Geoff Young and the Church School teachers and assistants, and Judi Seeney, Jayne Brown and the Logos leaders for their dedicated work with our youth.

He thanked Jan Ross and the Altar Guild.

He gave special thanks to Laurie Weber and the Discernment Committee who have met almost weekly for just about a year, faithfully carrying out the Vestry's charge to discern who God is calling to be the next Rector of Christ Church.

Father Reed pointed out that about eighty percent of our active membership is involved in a ministry at Christ Church and although he was not able to mention everyone by name, he wished to thank them all.

Father Reed discussed the transition process. He stated that transition is a three phase psychological reorientation process that begins with an ending as people begin to let go of their old reality and former identity. After this ending, the second phase, the 'neutral zone' occurs when old behaviors and attitudes die out and people go dormant for awhile as they prepare to move in a new direction. This period affords an opportunity for growth: a time when innovations and experiments have a good chance of being successful. After going through the first two stages of transition an organization is then able to deal successfully with the last phase: that of beginning again with new energy, sense of mission and identity. We are now in the interim period where we should experiment and try new things, continue to develop new leadership, and look for new opportunities for innovative ministries to grow in the love and service to God.

He remarked that Christ Church is blessed, and that it was a privilege to serve as interim and that we will always be in his prayers.

B. The Rector's Warden's Report

Janet Miller indicated that this has been a great year for our Church, and that she is so pleased and proud of how much stronger we have become during this interim year.

She pointed out that we will have a new rector by this time next year. To prepare for this, Janet suggested that we reach beyond our comfort zones and try something new: join a new ministry, consider new opportunities, experience change through our own choices and actions. She indicated that in these small

individual ways, we can strengthen our parish, grow our ministries, and prepare ourselves for the changes and newness to come.

Janet thanked Laurie Weber and everyone on the Discernment Committee for a fantastic job. She thanked Father Reed Brinkman for guiding us so well during this interim period.

C. The Discernment Committee Report

Laurie Weber reported that the Discernment Committee has compiled and printed the Parish Profile, and that there is a copy of the brochure for each pledging family. She called attention to the fact that the Parish Profile also has been published on the Christ Church website.

She indicated that we have received about one new inquiry each day (via e-mail) of priests from all over the country. The committee will continue to receive inquiries until the 31st of March. After all of the inquiries are received, the Discernment Committee will commence to review them. After they are all reviewed, approximately eight candidates will be selected for further evaluation. At that time, committee members will visit each candidate's associated parish and meet with their congregations. Several candidates will be invited to visit Christ Church after which a final choice will be made.

Laurie reported that the Discernment Committee, established last February, has met on a weekly basis including the summer months. Laurie introduced the members of the Discernment Committee: Jayne Brown, Brandt Butler, Donald Glackin, Susan Mayer, Mollie O'Brien, Frank Mathews, Bill Roberts, Jan Ross, Cindy Young, and most importantly, God.

D & E. The Accounting Warden's / Finance Committee Reports

John Donaphon presented both the Accounting Warden and the Finance Committee Reports as Allen Andrews was not able to be present.

John indicated that, during 2008, there was a net operating loss of \$12,881. This was in-part due to the fact that the 2008 actual pledge income was less than the budgeted pledge number.

Due to the economic downturn, we had a net non-operating loss of \$106,194. John noted that, because our 'sinking' fund is a mixture of stocks and bonds, our loss of about 20 – 23% was less than that of the general stock market. He reminded us that this is a paper loss, not a cash loss, and can be regained as the stock market recovers.

As a result of the economy, total assets were down by \$119,075 during 2008.

The Preschool also suffered a small loss of \$18,308 in assets for 2008. This was mainly the result of lower than expected tuition income for 2007-2008 school year. John noted that the situation was addressed by the Preschool Director and Preschool Committee and that tuition income for the current school year is up over \$13,000.

John reminded the congregation that we did not have to withdrawal funds from the sinking fund this year because we had an interim priest and did not have the normal expenses that accompany a full time rector (i.e. medical and pension plan costs.) This was a blessing considering that the stock market had its worst year since the great depression.

He reported that our auditor, Elko and Associates, found no discrepancies or problems.

John announced that in 2009, the budgeted pledge income increased approximately \$16,000 over the actual pledge income for 2008. The budget for 2009 will include additional expenses associated with the discernment process. Withdrawals from the 'Sinking Fund' are budgeted to be approximately equal to our Diocesan Pledge and Assessments.

John thanked Rita Caserta for her work in producing the financial reports. He thanked the Finance Committee members: Father Reed, Allen Andrews, Laura Hanson, Janet Miller, Chris Riess and Dave Klassen who have worked tirelessly this year during the Finance Committee meetings.

F. The Property Report

Chris Riess, Property Chair, reported on the projects that were accomplished this year. Among them were: replacement of the fence around the back parking lot; installation of a privacy fence around the children's playground as well as a fence on the stairs coming out of St. Mary's Hall; a new electrical service line coming into the church (the old one was struck by lightning) and other electrical repairs and upgrades; removal of the walkway lights in the front of the church; and installation of a hand-washing sink in one of the classrooms

He listed projects planned for the coming year: replacement of the carpeting in the children's classrooms; thorough cleaning of the church; painting projects and other maintenance items that might crop up throughout the year.

Diana Motley questioned Chris about the handicapped parking space on Orange Street. She asked if it was possible to paint a blue line around this space so that people would not continue to park in the handicapped area. Mollie O'Brien pointed out that this painting was Media Borough's responsibility. Father Reed offered to call the Borough concerning this painting.

Chris indicated that if anyone had any additional concerns, they could speak to him or Rita about them.

G. Committee Reports

a. Preschool Report

Celia Chen, chairwoman of the Preschool Committee, presented the Preschool Report. She noted that our preschool is thriving. The preschool is fully enrolled and the kindergarten and after school programs are nearly so. The school is state and federally accredited. We have 6 dedicated teachers, several of whom have been working in our preschool for many years. Joanne Petrosina is in her third year with the Christ Church Preschool and is working to bring our standards up even higher. This year, the Preschool is applying for re-accreditation by both Pennsylvania's Keystone Stars program and the National Association for the Education of young Children (NAEYC). This process ensures that our standards remain high, as well as opens doors to grant opportunities and attracts students.

Celia observed that the school is a happy place and that parents send their children here because it is a happy and safe place with dedicated teachers. Janet Miller commented that lots of referrals to our preschool are by word of mouth as well as by reading our website's parent reviews. We are not just known locally but have a large network.

Celia noted that the school is an important part of the church community. The school nurtures the children's sense of spirituality and community by having them attend chapel with the Rector on a weekly basis. Students are also encouraged to participate in Christ Church outreach programs. Many preschool families have become new members of the Christ Church congregation.

Celia thanked the members of the Preschool Committee for their help and dedication: Russell Bilbrough, Sue Brunnquell, Jean Donaphon, Joyce Glackin and Karen Mason.

Celia thanked the congregation for their generosity and prayers.

b. Church School Report

Geoff Young reported that our Church School is growing by leaps and bounds and that the average number of children on any given Sunday is usually greater than 25, which is

a significantly larger weekly attendance than last year. He noted that the program started off with a bang in September and has not slowed down.

He reported that the Church School is following a new curriculum that follows the lectionary. All Sunday School classes study the same subject, based on the readings each Sunday. The continuity between the worship service, children's sermon, and classroom has been a welcome addition to the Church School Ministry.

Geoff thanked all 11 teachers and assistants, and gave special thanks to Mike Gay.

He reminded parents to come and get their children promptly when the bell rings at 12:15 PM.

c. LOGOS Report.

Jayne Brown and Judi Seeney thanked Laurie Weber, chairwomen of the Discernment Committee.

Jayne indicated that the LOGOS program started with only two attendees. Now, six years later, the program has 22 youth members.

Jayne introduced the regular group of LOGOS leaders: Judi and Milt Seeney; Jim and Janet Kozub; Holly Cunningham; Laura Hanson, and Frank Mathews.

She noted the passion of the youths and pointed out that the reason the program is running so well is because of the support of the teachers and parents. She stated that they welcome the participation of anyone who would like to share ideas and activities with LOGOS

Judy Seeney pointed out some of the activities that church members have brought to LOGOS. She mentioned teambuilding activities: an evening star-gazing, led by Dave and Mary Ann Klassen and a model bridge and tower building activity led by Peggy Levesque. She described an African Meal that LOGOS enjoyed last week under Ester Nyaga's direction.

Judi pointed out that some LOGOS activities have benefited the Church and Church School: LOGOS members made Chinese Lanterns to celebrate the Chinese New Year; they made the centerpieces for the Annual Christmas Potluck Supper. On Martin Luther King "Day of Service", they built a cabinet to collect food, and cleaned and polished the wooden furniture and trim in the church. She noted that, at the request of the Spiritual Life Team, LOGOS will lead the Church's services on April 26th.

Jayne indicated that we will be losing (graduating) one youth this June, but expect six new members to come in September. The following year there should be four or five young persons leaving and six or seven new members coming in.

Jayne reiterated that contributions from the congregation are very much appreciated and requested that other ministries of the church try to integrate LOGOS youth activity into their ministries.

d. Membership

Terry Snyder reported that Membership is a small, dedicated committee.

This year, the Membership Committee designed and published a new Welcome Brochure which reflected the spirit of the Church and conveyed new and updated information. These

brochures are located in the pews and at the exits of the church. The committee sent out more than 100 copies of this brochure to new residents with a welcome letter inviting them to attend worship services at Christ Church. Terry indicated that two hundred more 'Welcome' brochures are now on order.

During the past year, the Membership Committee also produced a Small Group Ministries booklet which contains brief descriptions of the groups and activities of the Church and associated contact information. They set up an adult forum program to introduce and describe the variety of opportunities for parishioners to engage in a range of church ministries. Working with the Hospitality Committee, they hosted two welcoming receptions for new members.

e. Stewardship Report – Peter Falcone

Peter thanked Rita Caserta for putting the numbers together for his report. He thanked Father Reed and the congregation for their support and prayers.

He reported that, in spite of bad economic times, there was a 3.6 % increase in pledge amount this year. This was a 13% increase over pledging for the prior year.

There was one additional pledging unit this year.

Peter thanked the members of his committee for picking up the slack while he was ill.

f. Communications – Lynn Kelley

Lynn reported that there had been three major communication initiatives this past year:

(1) Production of a parish directory. She noted that about two-thirds of our parishioners have had their photo included in the directory;

(2). Improvement of electronic communication to provide for parish-wide and ministry e-mail; and

(3) The creation of a new website. She noted that this website would be easier to keep up-to-date and that the Chronicle and monthly calendars are posted there. Our Parish Profile is now published on this website.

Lynn thanked everyone working on communications: Andy Kirk, who volunteered his time to take pictures for the directory; Geoff Young for his efforts in establishing a parish-wide e-mail notification system; Janet Miller for her work on the new website; Milt Seeney for computer technical support; and Martha Ash, Joanne Petrosina and Carol Bryant for content and editing help with the website.

f. Endowment Report – Laura Hanson

Laura reported that Sheila Roberts would be the new chair of the Endowment Committee.

She indicated that this had been a good year, despite the downturn of the market. She pointed out that the proceeds from the endowment fund are based on a rolling three year average and, as such, are not affected drastically by the financial markets. This year, \$7,165.08 was distributed from the fund for capital improvements not included in the operating budget of the church.

Laura also pointed out that the fund is receiving new contributions every year and that the name of anyone who has contributed to the Endowment Fund is engraved on a plaque in the back of the church. In 2008, \$7,626.35 was donated to the fund.

Laura reminded us of the Legacy Society Celebration in June for anyone who has donated to the Endowment Fund. She pointed out that parishioners can use the pink envelopes to donate whatever they can to the Fund.

IV. OTHER

Ruth Mecklin asked if the Annual Report could be published on-line. She was told that it could and would.

V. FINAL BLESSING AND ADJOURNMENT

Father Brinkman concluded the Annual Meeting with a prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Faithfully and Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth LeSturgeon

Rector's Report

It struck me as I sat to write these remarks that it feels both as if I have been rector of Christ church for a long time and as if I just got here yesterday. Members of the parish welcomed me and my family to the community and we are in the midst of enjoying getting to know everyone better. Later today I will attend the last of four teas put together by parishioners to help me get to know better the people of Christ Church. Thank you many times to the Donaphons, the Lopers, the Spiottas, and the Mayers for hosting these teas. Also thank you to Jan Ross who coordinated the whole effort with the help of Rita Caserta our parish administrator.

When I think of my service in the parish I am reminded about vows that I took to enable the ministry of all the baptized. One of my many goals as rector of this parish is to help each member of the parish community figure out and live into their ministry in God's world. Our first ministry in this world is to serve as a house of worship, praise and prayer. As we gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist we both give God thanks and praise for all God has done for us, and we serve as a witness to the love of God to the rest of the Delaware County community.

You the parishioners of Christ Church excel in being a welcoming, intergenerational community that seeks to include new people into the life of the parish. Since I have arrived I have been moved by the ministry of the pastoral care team, the Spiritual Life team, the preschool committee, the Sunday School teachers, and the λογος (Logos) teachers. I have had a good time watching the acolytes and acolyte director adapt on the fly as I have changed little bits of the liturgy here and there. I have been deeply impressed by the work of Allen Andrews, John Donaphon and the other members of the finance committee as they serve to make sure that the resources which the parish has are efficiently and wisely used for the mission of Christ Church. And I have appreciated the ministry of the vestry as they each attend to their specialized facet of parish life while also attending to the broader mission of Christ Church in Media and the surrounding communities.

If you have a particular ministry in the church and you haven't walked me through what you do, I invite you to do this with me in the near future. For example, both Jan Ross, the head of the Altar Guild, and Judi Seeney, the head of the flower guild, have come in and walked me through the details of their ministry. Judi was especially gracious when I asked her questions that might be stereotypically be considered normal for an American male in his late 30s, such as, "What is a mum? How is a mum different than a lily?"

One of the reasons I felt called to serve at Christ Church is that we share a passion for the spiritual formation of our children and youth. One development that is underway is the adoption of a new curriculum for the youngest class in our Sunday School program. The curriculum that will be adopted is called, *Godly Play*, and it is based on the Montessori method of engaging children in active play as a means to learn. In *Godly Play* our children learn Bible stories from their teachers and then get to wonder about how they fit into these Bible stories. It takes time to get this curriculum up and running, but I am patient, your new Christian Education director Rachel Adcock is patient, and we have begun this journey.

At this time I want to give special thanks for those who are transition out of a particular ministry within the next year. Geoff Young has served as the director of the Sunday School for 2 years. Allen Andrews has faithfully put together the parish's financial records for 6 years. I always know when it is time for a finance committee meeting because I can see Allen burning the midnight oil to prepare the reports. Peter Falcone filled a temporary vacancy on the vestry and had a direct impact on my transition here because he headed the efforts to clean out the rectory, and that took a bit of work, and John Donaphon has done excellent work as the chair of the finance committee. Just as John was about the end his term of service he had to do all the administrative work associated with having a new rector enter the parish. John's role in finance will be missed and I am very happy that he is moving over to be a member of the endowment board.

The past couple of years have been a time of transition for Christ Church because of the preparation for a new full-time rector. But in this life we are always in transition. My plan as you new rector was to spend my first year with you absorbing the rhythms of our common life. Christ Church is a healthy parish and therefore since it is a health parish I came in with the plan to leave most things as they are for the first year, and then work to forge a vision of Christ Church's future. That plan has worked very well. For instance, I did not do anything to plan for the post Annual Meeting reception, and then next thing you know Jan Ross has sent out an e-mail recruiting people to provide food, and boy did people respond. Come September I will invite all of you to begin a process where we actively engage in constructing a vision for the future mission and ministry of Christ Church. Make no mistake; Christ Church is "in a good place". Together we are going to forge a vision of how what new paths we can walk together.

The Rev. Adam Kradel

Rector's Warden's Annual Report 2009

Our theme of the annual report last year and the prior year was 'change'. Our rector had moved on, we had an interim rector, we spoke of the change we had planned, the change we were creating and the change we would all adjust to. As we addressed our changes here at Christ church, the world outside was reeling from economic change that had not been planned, job loss and uncertainty, individual stress about the future and the often overwhelming feeling of what would happen next? how would we get through it? and where this would all lead us? I heard someone say – it can only get better from here, we hope.

Though we carried with us each the uncertainty of what the news would tell us next, our parish family held strong, sustained us and we grew stronger as we focused and pursued our task to find a new rector. We had our challenges and our doubts. With guidance, faith and hard work by many this year, we were successful in our mission and we began a new chapter in the life our parish as we called Rev. Adam P. Kradel as our new rector. The work and commitment this took is to be commended and we are in debt to those who chose to accept the call to serve in this task. During this year lay leadership grew stronger and more committed to continuing growth and strength in their ministries. And true to form – we showed we can throw a good party, again and again. I thank you, one and all for all your work and for creating a reassuring year of change.

“Change” — I for one, would like to put it behind us, and I hope it is a theme we don't make center stage for years to come. I cannot deny change is a part of the fabric of our lives, and without it I would be bored, I am a professed change person after all – but for now, I could use a rest.

Throughout this year, the comfort and strength of our parish has sustained us. The doors are open, the walls are strong, and our parish family greets us each Sunday with warm smiles, hand shakes and hugs. As we move forward we need to change our language of 'change' to that of growth, support and nurturing. We need to reflect on our past and personally identify how we can act in each of these ways. We look to Father Adam to sow the seeds—we need to help them grow.

This is our parish meeting – our family meeting, and things will be reported on and discussed that require our participation, whether it be ministries needing broader support and new leadership or shortfalls in the budget. As we move forward each of us needs to consider how we must act. Our leaders need to be mentors and we need to help other members become ministry leaders. Our parish history over the last decade has been one of not pledging enough to meet our expenses. Each year we hope to meet budget, and often struggle to just meet the previous years pledging, leaving us short of what our expenses are year over year. For the last 6 years or more we have used our savings to balance the budget. As you all know, if this was your home budget, the situation is not good. We will run out of money. Nurturing and support of our parish needs to be financial, and we need to motivate and innovate on ways we can generate operating income, addressing the short term annual pledging and the long-term endowment growth.

In the midst of change we draw on our faith, our resilience and our parish family to see us through. We are very blessed here at Christ Church. I look forward to sharing 2010 with each of you as we grow, nurture and support our parish.

Faithfully submitted,
Janet Miller
Rector's Warden

DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Discernment Committee was appointed by the Vestry in March of 2008. As a committee, we focused on being able to Call a new Rector by the summer of 2009. Our committee worked diligently during 2008 to be prepared for Discerning God's will and finding the right person to lead Christ Church.

With the approval of the Diocesan Transition office, our parish profile and Church Deployment Office forms were officially posted on January 2, 2009 and we began to receive candidate inquiries almost immediately. During January through March we prepared for the interview process that we would embark on in April. We developed a calendar, conducted a mock interview and were ready to "open the envelopes" to see who our candidates would be. April and May were very busy as we conducted phone interviews and site interviews. Our final candidate and spouses were brought to Media to meet the entire committee, tour our physical plant including the Rectory, tour Media, and meet with Bishop Michel.

By the end of June, our task was completed with our recommendation to the Vestry. Our new Rector, Rev. Adam P. Kradel, PhD. The Installation of Fr. Adam on November 1, 2009 was the official end to our task.

I would like to personally thank each member of the committee – Jayne Brown, Brandt Butler, Don Glackin, Frank Mathews, Susan Mayer, Mollie Shiflet O'Brien, Bill Roberts, Jan Ross, Cindy Young, and GOD. Each of you brought your own unique qualities, abilities, and opinions to the table. I thank you for that.

I would also like to thank Rachel Adcock, Celia Chen, and Gail Kienitz for being gracious hostesses for our finalists' spouses during their visits.

Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as the chairman of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Weber

Accounting Warden's
2009 Annual Report
Annual Meeting January 24, 2010

Attached are four financial statements of Christ Church and the Christ Church Preschool for 2009.

The first statement is the Christ Church Balance Sheet. The Balance Sheet provides a comparison of the totals assets at December 31, 2009 with those at December 31, 2008. The Balance Sheet reports an increase in our Church net assets for 2009 of \$46,000 (Row 51).

The second statement is the Christ Church Profit & Loss for the year-ended December 31, 2009. The profit & loss report is divided into two sections. The two sections are the operating income & expense and non-operating income & expense. There was a net operating expense for the 2009 of \$57,985 (Row 189) and net non-operating income for the year of \$103,985 (Row 214) for an overall net income of \$46,000 (Row 215). This increase was the result of the good investment performance for the year.

The third statement is the Christ Church Preschool Balance Sheet. The Balance Sheet provides a comparison of the totals assets at August 31, 2009 with those at August 31, 2008. The Balance Sheet reports an increase in our Preschool assets for the 2008-2009 fiscal year of \$1,647 (Row 26).

The fourth statement is the Christ Church Preschool Profit & Loss for the fiscal year-ended August 31, 2009. The Preschool had a net income for the year of \$1,647 (Row 90).

During 2009 our outside auditors, Zelenkofske, Alexrod LLC, audited the financial statements of Christ Church and the Christ Church Preschool for the year-ended December 31, 2008. No exceptions were noted. The report is on file in the Church office.

2009 was my last year on the Vestry. I have enjoyed my six years as your Accounting Warden. I especially want to thank Rita Caserta, Church Administrator, and John Donaphon, Finance Chair, for the wonderful working relationship that we have had over the years. I wish your current Vestry and Rector, Fr. Adam, well in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Andrews, Accounting Warden

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Looking back over the past year we have much to be thankful for. I would like to thank Father Adam, Father Reed, Allen Andrews, Accounting Warden, Janet Miller, Rectors Warden, Chris Reiss, Property Chairman and members Doug Sisk and Dave Klassen, minute taker, who have worked tirelessly this year during the Finance Committee meetings. I would also like to thank Rita Caserta, Parish Administrator, for all her help in keeping the Church's accounting records. The Committee has reviewed, monthly, the various financial accounts of the Church and has fulfilled its ministry as stewards of the Church's assets.

The Investment Sinking Fund was established in 2004 (\$ 400,000) to help fund the gap between revenues and expenses. The fund balance at 1/1/2009 was \$270,601. As stated in the 2008 financial report the fund lost \$71,325 with the drop in the stock market in 2008. The 2009 year had additional costs associated with the discernment process which were covered by our normal income and the only funds removed were \$25,000 to pay the Pennsylvania Diocesan pledge and assessment. The Church's balanced fund (50% stocks and 50 % bonds), added \$48,328 to the fund as of November 30, 2009. The December figures were not available as of the writing of this report. The balance of the fund has been increased to \$293,929 as of 11/30/09. Since the only monies withdrawn from this fund since its inception have been used to pay the Diocesan Pledge and Assessment the fund is being preserved so that it will be available to benefit the Church in the future.

The operating fund of the Church will end up with a small cash reduction for 2009. This was in part due to the fact that the in 2009 the Church spent approximately \$15,000 in un budgeted repairs and improvements this year. These repairs were funded from the church-operating budget. The capital fund expenditure projects are listed in the property report.

As of the writing of this report the 2010 budget is not finalized. As Father Adam has repeatedly stated, the Church pledge units and dollars are down from last year. The pledges are currently down approximately \$26,000. The Finance/Executive Vestry will do everything possible to arrive at a balanced budget for 2010 while maintaining all the Church's vital mission programs. This is obviously a sign of the times we live in. The withdrawals from the Investment Sinking fund are currently budgeted to be approximately equal to the Diocesan Pledge and Assessment (\$25,000). We are blessed to have these resources to expand our ministries. The generosity of the parishioners in the past has enabled the Church to accumulate these funds. The generosity of the parishioners will be necessary, in the future, to allow the church to maintain these funds and ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Donaphon

2009 Treasurers Report

Christ Church maintains two independent checking accounts at Wachovia. One of these accounts represents the "General Fund" covering church revenue and expenses and the other account contains the "Pre-School" revenue and expenses. The tables below show the balances, deposits and expenses on a month-by-month basis during 2009.

Christ Church General Checking Account:

Month	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Expenditures	Ending Balance
January	\$67,596.33	\$23,566.98	\$36,048.91	\$55,114.40
February	\$55,114.40	\$25,898.25	\$35,341.56	\$45,671.09
March	\$45,671.09	\$31,618.95	\$25,879.54	\$51,410.50
April	\$51,410.50	\$26,465.14	\$34,467.67	\$43,407.97
May	\$43,407.97	\$36,553.18	\$34,009.13	\$45,952.02
June	\$45,952.02	\$29,462.21	\$31,874.41	\$43,539.82
July	\$43,539.82	\$25,782.03	\$38,077.43	\$31,244.42
August	\$31,244.42	\$51,810.90	\$29,606.03	\$53,449.29
September	\$53,449.29	\$21,977.56	\$37,525.78	\$37,901.07
October	\$37,901.07	\$38,664.60	\$41,860.47	\$34,705.20
November	\$34,705.20	\$52,804.51	\$40,396.24	\$47,113.47
December	\$47,113.47	\$43,085.09	\$35,273.68	\$54,924.88
Total	\$67,596.33	\$407,689.40	\$423,360.85	\$54,924.88

Christ Church Pre-School Account:

Month	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Expenditures	Ending Balance
January	\$44,809.03	\$22,902.96	\$21,208.64	\$46,503.35
February	\$46,503.35	\$22,914.07	\$18,879.44	\$50,537.98
March	\$50,537.98	\$16,518.52	\$29,442.58	\$37,613.92
April	\$37,613.92	\$25,707.76	\$16,691.29	\$46,630.39
May	\$46,630.39	\$19,274.99	\$22,498.03	\$43,407.35
June	\$43,407.35	\$35,346.09	\$42,544.67	\$36,208.77
July	\$36,208.77	\$ 4,026.12	\$12,833.64	\$27,401.25
August	\$27,401.25	\$ 2,909.00	\$ 4,685.09	\$25,625.16
September	\$25,625.16	\$24,607.62	\$20,423.89	\$29,808.89
October	\$29,808.89	\$22,750.80	\$17,891.65	\$34,668.04
November	\$34,668.04	\$21,125.60	\$23,326.45	\$32,467.19
December	\$32,467.19	\$20,980.45	\$20,547.48	\$32,900.16
Total	\$44,809.03	\$239,063.98	\$250,972.85	\$32,900.16

The main source of income for the Pre-School is from tuition paid for the children enrolled in the program. This drops off during the summer months.

Blessings,
Rita Caserta

Annual Property Report 2009

In 2009 I felt much more comfortable making decision in my position as property chair. I felt I had a better understanding of what Christ Church needed and who to contact in order to get things done. The New Year started off with a recurring squirrel problem. Even though we hired Modern Extermination to deal with the squirrels they continued to find entrance points into the building. My main concern was that the squirrels would cause further damage by chewing through wood or even electrical wires possibly causing a fire. In the spring, the Vestry agreed that the best thing to do was repair all the damaged wood on the roof and patch any holes that the squirrels were using as entry points. At the same time all the molding and most of the windowsills that were in bad shape were scraped, patched, and painted. Since that work has been completed we have had no squirrel sightings in the church.

During the summer the property committee was busy with several items. The sanctuary and naïve was given a thorough cleaning and polishing. The pre-school had a hand washing sink and new carpeting installed in the classrooms. The undercroft was cleaned out and organized. Although the summer rains cooled the hot summer days it caused the gutters at the side of the building to become clogged. Because the downspouts were clogged, rainwater was being diverted into the preschool directors office and choir room. Once the gutters were cleared some repair work had to be done to Joanne and Joel's office. The repair work to the offices was recently completed this past December.

Much work needed to be done on the rectory before the call was made to Father Adam. Most of the rooms were painted, the kitchen had a makeover, and several small repairs needed to be done. Many thanks should go to Erin Cochran and Peter Falcone. Peter identified many items in the rectory that needed attention and Erin gave her input utilizing her interior design gifts. Erin was an essential part of setting up and staging the rectory, which had a big impact on attracting the Kradel family. A big thank you should also go out to all the people who volunteered to clean out the rectory and then stage it when potential candidates were being interviewed.

During this past year the vestry agreed that a sexton was needed to handle all the maintenance issues that come from running a preschool and a church of our size. At first we were using an employee from Romanowski Cleaning Service, which seemed to work however it was getting fairly expensive. The decision was made to hire someone in house on more of a full time bases. Currently, Dan Weber is acting as our sexton. Dan has been a tremendous help to Rita and myself. Dan has been an essential part of making sure the church is being maintained properly.

At the beginning of the 4th quarter it was decided that the nursery needed attention. The carpet was in bad shape, the plaster over one of the windows was cracking, and the windows needed to be replaced. Thanks to an anonymous donor we were able to paint the room, repair the cracks, and replace the carpet and windows. Once again I would like to thank Erin Cochran for her input on the carpet and paint. I am sure any one who saw the before and after would agree she did a great job picking out the colors of the paint and carpet.

Thanks to another generous donation we were able to replace the canopy that covers the entrance at the rear of the church. Although there was some discussion relating to the color of the canopy Father Adam gave the final ruling stating, "Red is the color of the Episcopal Church". I think we can all agree that red was the correct choice.

During the coming year I hope to accomplish a few things. One, the over hang and the garage on the Franklin street side are in need of repair. I am working on having this work started as soon as the vestry approves the final costs and drawing. Second, the Fire Marshall has required that Christ Church create a room in the undercroft that is fire resistant so that it can be used for storing paper products. These two projects along with finding a new landscaper will be my main focus in 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Riess

Choir Annual Report

I would like to extend a very warm thank you to all those who actively participate in a choir and to the parents of our young choristers who continually support our choral program here at Christ Church. There are considerable time commitments required to participate in a choir and your talents and dedication are truly appreciated. The three choirs of Christ Church contribute weekly to our worship services. The primary, youth and adult choirs cover all age groups from kindergarten through adult and choir membership remains strong.

We are very excited to welcome Father Adam and Mother Melissa and family. Father Adam has been very involved in the musical ministry and we are truly grateful for his leadership and guidance. The entire congregation has been inspired by Father Adam's own musical offerings.

Rita, as always, has been a cornerstone in the operations of this church. She has helped facilitate a wonderfully smooth transition over the last year and a half and we are truly grateful for her commitment to the well being of this parish.

I thank the vestry for their unending commitment to the music ministry as well. Over the past two years we have brought the technology of the music department into the 21st century with the purchase of a digital recorder, lap top computer and printer along with Finale music writing software.

And to the three lovely ladies in my life, Stefanie, Sophia and Caroline, thank you for your unending patience as you wait for Daddy to come home! I love you!

Listed below is the music budget general report.

Total amount budgeted for 2009:	\$7,310.00
Substitute Organists	\$2,000.00
Guest Musicians & computer (Gonnella Funds)	\$3,829.80
New Music and materials -	\$ 440.76
Piano Tuning -	\$ 490.00
Total	\$6,760.56

Faithfully Yours,

Joel Lenderman

2009 Preschool Report

Christ Church Preschool continues to demonstrate excellence in the education and care of the youngest children, setting the foundation for their success and the success of our community.

Our Staff – Under the leadership of Director Joanne Petrosina, who was accepted into the Director's Leadership Institute, our staff this year consists of several teachers who have dedicated many years to the success of the program bringing continuity and stability to the enrichment of our children as well as a few new members who have brought new ideas and energy to the program. Our staff continues to pursue professional development as they strive to build tradition, innovation and creativity into daily activities.

Our Program – With the first half of the 2009 / 2010 program year complete, the Preschool is fully enrolled with good enrollment in the Kindergarten and After School programs. As a result, we are tracking successfully against budget.

In early 2009, Christ Church Preschool successfully completed and was granted the Keystone Stars 4A designation. At the end of 2009, the program completed and was granted Keystone Stars re-designation for the upcoming year. Focus will now turn to the NAEYC accreditation process which will be a difficult, time consuming set of work. These very important, challenging milestones not only ensure that our standards remain high, but also provide grant money leading to additional program and facility improvements and attract families to our program!

Our children participated in a Sharing Soup activity starting with reading the popular children's book and then making and enjoying their own sharing soup. The children attend chapel with Father Adam each week building spirituality into the program and quickly becoming one of the highlights of the week. To close 2009, the children performed their Christmas play - to the delight of all who attended! Upcoming activities include a yoga brunch, a program focused on growing food with children, a visit to a nursing home and a visit from Quiver Farms in the spring.

Our Families – The families of our program are dedicated and active participants in support of the program. Our Parent Group meets monthly to provide feedback, share ideas and coordinate events such as the pot luck supper, the year-end party and the upcoming yoga brunch. Our families participated in a semi-annual cleaning of the school facility and materials. In addition, the families of our program have created a Helping Hands Volunteer network to provide support to families in time of need and or / change.

Our Facility – Improvements made to the Preschool facility this year included new sinks and carpeting in the classroom. Significant improvements were made to our playground this year – a crowd pleaser with the children!

Our Fundraising – Christ Church Preschool continues to drive successful fundraising activities. In the fall, the annual Claire's Gourmet fundraiser earned enough funds to purchase a listening center for the school. Christ Church Preschool sponsored a 2nd fundraiser this winter at Five Below in Springfield raising money toward the purchase of new educational toys for the classroom. The hot lunch program also continues to raise money for the program and provides a nice meal for the children.

The Preschool truly appreciates and would like to extend a sincere thank you for the support provided by the Christ Church Parish demonstrated through the contribution of scholarship funds, the new awning at the entrance of the school, facility maintenance, guidance of the parish members to name just a few examples of the support extended to our preschool program.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra McKeown

Church School Report

Church School at Christ Church continues to be a vibrant and exciting ministry. We are pleased to have four full classes this year. On Sunday mornings you will find the preschoolers, kindergarteners and first graders in the preschool rooms downstairs. You will find the second and third graders in St Mary's Hall, and you will see the fourth and fifth graders studying in the library.

For the second year, we are using the curriculum, "Living the Good News." One of the benefits of this curriculum is that the lessons are always tied to the gospel reading and the lessons are thematically identical for each of the classrooms on any given Sunday.

This year we were pleased to welcome several new teachers into the classrooms: Geoff Young, Marianne Spiotta, and Jim McKeown. (Not to sound sexist, but I am particularly pleased that in 3 of the 4 classes there is a male teacher.) The classes are led by the following wonderful people -

Preschool: Sandy McKeown, Carolyn Reiss, and Paige Loper

K - 1st: Mike Gay, Rosemary Bilbrough, and Cindy Young

2nd-3rd: Beth Moore, Jim McKeown, and Rachel Adcock

4th-5th: Geoff Young, Karen Mason, and Marianne Spiotta

But there is good news for all you church school teacher wannabes. Because several of our veteran teachers will be stepping down at the end of this year, we will have opportunities for *you* in the classroom. If you are interested, please see either me, Rachel Adcock, or any of the other Sunday school teachers.

Finally, I want to thank Geoff Young for all his work over the past few years in leading the church school. He has been a leader who has been ever present, spiritually grounded, and always ready with a smile. While he has stepped down from the director position, he has not left the classroom. He can be found each Sunday teaching our children and helping them to become better Christians. Thank you Geoff.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Adcock

LOGOS Youth Ministry Annual Report 2009

Our LOGOS youth ministry at Christ Church is enjoying another active year. Approximately 12 high school and 16 middle school students are on our roster. The structure of the program includes Bible Study led by Laura Hanson, assisted by Dave Klassen; Crafts and Games led by Judi and Milt Seeney; Worship Skills led by Frank Mathews, assisted by Mary Ann Klassen and Lee Seeney; and Lunch by Janet Riddle, assisted by Dan Weber and Leslie Bullitt. Jayne Brown and Holly Cunningham serve as luncheon deans.

During the spring of 2009, our LOGOS youth held our first Youth-led service. All parts of the service including the Sermon were chosen, designed, or written by the youth. We took trips as well to QVC Studios in West Chester and to Laser Dome in Lancaster for our end of year outing (great fun!). In the fall we welcomed 4 new members and our new Rector, Father Adam.

Our Chime Choir remains strong and our focus during Bible Study has been on the Old Testament with the help of a study guide. We sprinkle in some lessons from the gospels based on the church seasons. Creative projects so far have included making stoles for our All Saints celebration and centerpieces for the annual Christmas pageant potluck supper. For Veteran's Day, we invited a Veteran of the Gulf War to come speak to us and then we all walked to the Veterans' Museum here in Media. We are looking forward to our upcoming annual activities including the Spring Lock In, another Youth-led service, and our end of year outing.

We would like to extend our thanks to the youth, parents, and members of the congregation for their continued support of this important ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne Brown and Judi Seeney

Membership Committee Annual Report

This year we welcomed the following members at our Newcomers' Reception held on December 13th. We extend another hearty and warm welcome to you!

Marylee Bunting
Louise Parsons
Oscar E Laborda
Emily, Steve, Brian, Christina, Olivia, and Elizabeth Labows
Jim, Cameron and Jimmy Spencer
Edith Thompson
Melissa Wilcox, Elias and Adelaide Kradel

In addition 253 welcome letters and brochures sent to new residents recently moved to the Media area.

In the area of incorporation we held three adult forums to present information on various outreach and small group ministries. There is a small group ministries booklet that outlines the range of opportunities. We encourage all members, new or longer-standing, of the congregation to regularly review this booklet and get involved in the range of activities that enrich our lives and that of others.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Snyder

Stewardship Report

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all the parishioners who have contributed to this year's stewardship campaign. Your signed pledges are necessary to sustain our church community, and we appreciate your commitment during these difficult economic times. We are still short from our 2009 number and would like to remind parishioners who have not sent in their cards to do so. It is never too late to contribute to our community and its programs.

Besides heading up the fall pledge campaign, the Stewardship Committee has challenged itself with the goal of highlighting opportunities for parishioners to give from abundance throughout the year. Towards that end, we initiated the Act of Abundance column found weekly in the church's leaflet. Acts of Abundance present opportunities for stewardship within the church community and outside, switching between time, talent and treasure. The main idea being to connect stewardship as giving from the abundance of blessings God has given us.

	January 2010	January 2009
Number of pledge units received	107	122
Same amount pledged as last year	61	51
Increased pledges	26	42
Decreased pledges	14	18
New pledges	6	11
Total amount pledged	\$267,620	\$268,849

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Moore

Communications Annual Report for 2009

In the spring, we produced an addendum to the parish directory. Plans are now under way to publish a complete new directory so that every household in the parish will have an up-to-date copy. Andy Kirk started taking pictures in December, and a final photo session will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2010, for anyone who wants a new picture. The directories will be available in February.

The Christ Church website continues to evolve, with new pages being added as needs in the parish are identified. The website was used by the discernment committee to provide information to prospective candidates. The Sunday bulletin announcements are now posted each week, and Father Adam puts his sermons on the website.

Traditional press releases were sent out to announce special events at Christ Church. These included the installation of our new rector and the preschool's Keystone Stars award among other noteworthy events.

The parish-wide email distribution system continues to be very useful, but it is only as good as the accuracy of our email list. As always, I remind everyone to make sure any changes to their email addresses are reported to the church office.

I want to thank Andy Kirk for his wonderful photos – both the formal shots for the directory and all of the candid pictures which are so important for the website.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Kelley

vestry-communications@christchurchmedia.org

Endowment Fund Report

Christ Church's Endowment Fund is maintained by the National Church Foundation and is professionally managed by State Street Global Advisors' Charitable Asset Group. We currently have all of our invested shares in their Balanced Fund. You can go to the Episcopal Church Foundation's website at any time and see how our fund is doing. The website is <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>. From the main page of their website click on the Getting Invested link in the Endowment Tools Menu, and you will find the most current reports of all their pooled funds.

Similar to market changes, Christ Church's Endowment Fund experienced a reduction in value in 2008. However, in 2009, the Fund was able to take back a good portion of what was lost the prior year. The Fund earned \$42,412 for the year in appreciation and income. We started 2009 with \$219,228 in our balanced account and ended the year with \$259,107. We are roughly \$11,000 off from where the fund was at the beginning of 2008 which was \$269,939. Donations to the Fund were \$5,912 during 2009. Each year we move money from the Endowment Fund to the Church. This year the Endowment provided \$7,200 for capital improvements, not included in the operating budget of the church. These funds go toward capital improvements, youth ministries, or for seed money for new ministries.

I wish to thank the Endowment Board for their time and effort in 2009. The Endowment Board membership for 2009 was Mary Ellen Maatman, Secretary, Peter Falcone, Jack McCullough, John Donaphon and John Loper. Our board meets 4 times a year, once each quarter. We keep in touch via e-mail and phone as required between meetings.

We work toward hosting two functions each year. We usually have one meeting during adult forum to provide some current information on the Fund and to encourage new members. In June, we celebrate our success with a cocktail party for the legacy society.

Members of the legacy society are those who have made Christ Church Media a beneficiary in their will or in some other financial instrument, and those who have directly contributed to the Endowment Fund. We welcome all contributions. It would be wonderful to have everyone in the parish be a member of the legacy society. Please consider one of the many ways you can help the endowment and join the legacy society in 2010. Contact Rita Caserta in the parish office or Sheila Roberts for further information about becoming a member.

Blessings,

Sheila Roberts

2010 Annual Report

Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian education continued to be a priority for Christ Church Media's rector, vestry and lay leadership in 2009. Opportunities for spiritual growth and knowledge included Sunday adult forums and weekday Bible study.

Your rector and vestry encourage all parishioners to seek out and participate in adult Christian Education offered at Christ Church and the Diocese of Pennsylvania through the year. Look for upcoming opportunities on the bulletin board outside the parish office, in the weekly bulletin and bi-monthly in *The Chronicle*. We welcome your suggestions for other topics or interests.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM On Sundays, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service, 20 to 30 adults met in St. Joseph's Hall for Christian education and fellowship. The forums were presented by our rector, parishioners and outside speakers covering a wide range of topics. Twice yearly, a planning group meets to schedule forum topics. We welcome your suggestions for forum topics.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

- Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. a group meets for prayer and bible study in the Library/Conference Room.
- Wednesdays at 11 a.m., a lively group meets for prayer and bible study in St. Mary's Hall. Currently, they are studying the Gospel of Matthew using the Barclay Commentary. The group welcomes your interest and participation.

In Christ, Brandt Butler

Altar Flower Committee Report 2009

The Flower Committee is responsible for each Sunday's flowers which are given as memorials, in thanksgiving, or for anniversary or birthday commemorations. The cost for a regular Sunday service is \$50.00. Checks should be made payable to Christ Church Flower Fund. The sign-up sheet for flowers is located on the bulletin board in the hall outside the office. The altar elements chart is also located on the bulletin board in the hall outside the office. The cost for altar elements is \$25.00, and checks should be made payable to Christ Church. Our budget depends on donations. Please sign up so that we may continue placing flowers on the altar every Sunday.

Wedding flowers may be arranged by a florist of choice or the Flower Committee. The cost is \$75.00 if service is provided by the committee.

Members of the committee arranging flowers include:

1st Sunday – Jeanette Verdeur

2nd Sunday – Judith Rehm

3rd Sunday – Ruth Mecklin

4th Sunday – Mollie O'Brien

5th Sunday – Gail Keinitz

Alternate, Holidays, and Special Occasions – Judi Seeney

During the holidays of Christmas and Easter, we especially appreciate volunteer help to assist us in decorating the church with plants and flowers. Thank you to Jan Ross and Jim Ross for their continued reliable support given to this ministry during the holidays.

The flowers on the altar are delivered after the 10:00 service to the sick and shut-ins as directed by Rita Caserta and Father Adam. Volunteers who deliver the flowers are Jane and LaVerne Kriebel on the 1st Sunday, Suki Seeney and Claudine Barrick-Gray on the 2nd Sunday, Diana Buckley-Motley on the 3rd Sunday, Judi Seeney on the 4th Sunday, and Dorothy Ringbloom on the 5th Sunday.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Altar Flower Guild is most welcome. No experience needed! We continue to have a need for an extra Flower Deliverer. If interested in this rewarding ministry, please contact either Judi Seeney, chair of the committee, or Rita Caserta in the parish office.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Seeney

Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild consists of a group of women who dedicate themselves in making sure that the Altar is prepared for Our Lord each and every service on Sundays as well as weddings, funerals and any other special service. It is always considered by those who serve, to be an honor to do what we do. Along with making sure that the Altar is prepared for all services, duties consist of polishing the brass, weekly laundering of linens used along with dusting around the Altar area.

Members are Rachel Adcock, Rosemary Bilbrough, Ginny Davis, Joyce Glackin, Lynn Kelley, Anita Pauley, Sandy Rendin, Judith Rehm, Dorothy Ringbloom, Suki Seeney, Laurie Weber, our junior member Elise Weber and Jan Ross. Special thanks go to Jim Kozub who assists us with the polishing of the lamps as well as Jim Ross who offers his services at different times.

Interested persons in serving are more than welcome. We are always glad to have new members. See any of the above members. We enjoy being with each other while we are serving Our Lord.

Archives Committee Annual Report

The year 2009 saw significant progress in the consolidation of our Archives Files and getting them ready for a logical and workable filing system and putting in place a meaningful indexing system.

Photos of church activities and individuals have finally been organized and made ready for inclusion in proper files. This has been an on-going and extensive work project for the last several years and it is a great accomplishment to have finished this effort.

The Financial files have been updated with the 2008 data. Information required to be maintained have been filed in appropriate filing cabinets and the 2000 and 2001 data no longer to be kept on file have been shredded.

Historical records, Rectors' Files, Memorial Files, Church Anniversary Data, Baptism Records and old pamphlets have been finalized. There is still some work to be done on filing the 2008 Bulletins and Chronicles and labeling acid free boxes of old books.

The members of this committee are: Don Glackin, Jean LaLonde, Anita Pauley and Ron Mecklin, Chair.

Respectively Submitted,
Ron Mecklin, Chairman

The Episcopal Church Club of Philadelphia

The Episcopal Church Club of Philadelphia is a group of fellow Episcopalians who meet five times a year, with an annual dinner in May, to enjoy each other in fellowship while providing financial assistance to seminarians in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Since the assistance program began in 1989, over \$190,000 has been awarded to 60 postulants.

We meet at the Racquet Club in Philadelphia. Last year's annual dinner was held at St. David's Church. Christ Church will be host this coming year. Our speakers thus far this year have been The Rev. Rodger Broadley and the Honorable Michael Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia. Coming up will be The Rev. Canon Lloyd Casson and The Rev. Judith Meckling.

Membership is open to all. For more information see Jan Ross or Hope Giamboy.

Hospitality Ministry Report

In Romans 12:13 it says "Contribute to the needs of God's people and practice hospitality". And that's exactly what we do at Christ Church. We greet people at our doors. We pass the peace with our fellow Episcopalians. Hospitality is extended by members of Christ Church when need is extended for assistance in any reception that we might be holding. Our Church loves to eat! Hospitality is extended by all members of our Church, with thanks to all who have made this all happen this past year.

Christ Church Mothers' Group

Mothers of young children enjoy fellowship at Christ Church, Media on the first Monday of each month. Lively discussion centers on topics such as: cultivating the spirituality of children, finding peace within busy lives, and exploring faith-inspired approaches to child rearing. Last year we read and discussed The Year and Our Children, by Mary Reed Newland and focused on incorporating traditions into our homes based on the church calendar. This year, we are continuing this exploration by reading and discussing To Dance with God, by Gertrud Mueller Nelson. This fall, we used In the Midst of Chaos, by Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore to launch discussions around the spirituality of caring for our children. In addition to the discussion topics on which our meetings are centered, we devote considerable time to nurturing the friendships that have grown from the group fellowship experience.

Social events outside of our regular meetings have included our traditional Mothers' Day gathering in May, our group Christmas party, and a Christmas cookie exchange with the women of the congregation.

Our "Moms' Group" (as we refer to ourselves) remains interested in community outreach opportunities; we are particularly interested in those projects which allow us to assist other moms in need. Each Christmas, we adopt the families at the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, providing gifts including loungewear for the mothers and packages of PJ's, toys, and books for the children.

The Christ Church Mothers' Group eagerly anticipates another year of spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Paige Kilian Loper

Outreach Committee Report

The congregation of Christ Church, Media sustained its strong outreach tradition in 2009. Participation in the Interfaith Hospitality Network continued with the rectory housing families in need for several weeks in the winter and spring. Dozens of IHN volunteers contributed hot dinners, breakfast and lunch provisions, clean linens, and companionship to families struggling with homelessness. With the arrival of our new rector, the rectory is no longer available for IHN and we are exploring use of other parish buildings for this ministry. Aid for Friends volunteers prepared meals for shut-ins, meeting on a monthly basis to cook together in the church kitchen. In addition, the congregation filled Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas meal baskets, amassed almost 3000 pounds of food for Neighbors in Need, and collected hats, scarves, and mittens for needy families over the holidays. Financial outreach included \$1,495 raised through the Walk Against Hunger and \$200 in miscellaneous contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
Paige Kilian Loper

Neighbors in Need – Thank You for your Continued Support!

We began the Neighbors in Need program in January of 2009. The members of LOGOS constructed the donated cabinet as one of their Martin Luther King, Jr. service projects. Since that time, 2,919 pounds of non-perishable food were donated by the Christ Church community and delivered to St. Mary's. Our contributions are received by very grateful neighbors! In addition we have been able to help some members of Christ Church with emergency grocery needs.

The need for assistance in the area remains great. Did you know that every day more than 36,000 children die from hunger? Or that 37 million Americans are hungry, and more than 1 million of those are in the Philadelphia region? That number is growing due to the current economic climate. Thank you for assisting our neighbors. Continued support in the coming year will be greatly appreciated. Every gesture and kindness to our neighbors, no matter how small, will make a difference.

Deliveries:

Date	Bags	Pounds
02/12/09	12	100
02/26/09	22	167
03/11/09	19	141
03/24/09	16	151
04/23/09	18	131
05/14/09	11	88
06/04/09	20	142
06/18/09	42	615
07/09/09	14	88
07/30/09	16	153
09/03/09	19	133
09/24/09	16	159
10/08/09	17	153
10/13/09	8	132
10/28/09	21	214
11/12 /09	19	237
11/20/09	12	115
Total to date:	302	2,919

In addition, the program has received some financial assistance. As a result of a parish member's participation in the Philadelphia Coalition against Hunger Walk, St. Mary's received \$1,490. In addition, a gift card of \$100 was donated for groceries. Finally several miscellaneous cash donations (\$225) were used to purchase groceries, reflected above, or given to Christ Church Neighbors in Need - Outreach or directly to St. Mary's.

If you would like to participate in or have any questions about this outreach ministry please contact Terry Snyder at 610-874-1781 or snydertr@verizon.net or Laverne and Jane Kriebel at 610-627-1463 or kreebo510@verizon.net.

PASTORAL CARE REPORT FOR ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY, 2010

The pastoral care team provides a ministry of love, compassion, comfort and support to the Christ Church parish community.

The team members regularly visit the homebound, bereaved, hospitalized and those in retirement homes.

The Pastoral Care Eucharistic Visitors also take communion to church members who are unable to come to church. Our Rector directs and coordinates the team members as they minister to the needs of our parish family.

All Pastoral care team members have received training and are certified by the Episcopal Community Services Chaplaincy Committee.

Pastoral 'in-reach' volunteers perform additional ministries to those in bereavement, and those who are experiencing personal need, are overcome by unexpected circumstances, or are recovering from hospitalization, surgery or disability. Approximately 20% of our active, adult, parish members have volunteered their time and talents to this ministry that has become a parish wide activity of love and assistance. Providing meals, cards, e-mail, telephone contacts, intercessory prayers, companionship and transportation to medical appointments, church services and functions are just a few of the caring activities that 'in-reach' volunteers have provided.

The Pastoral Care Team meets every other month on the third Thursday to review parish needs, to share experiences and to redirect and revitalize their ministry. Continual training is encouraged by the use of pastoral care videos, guidance, information, and workshops. The members of the Pastoral Care Team are: Pat Cluelow, Holly Cunningham, Don Glackin, Ruth LeSturgeon, Ron Mecklin, Marie Quinn, and Dot Thomas.

Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining the Pastoral Care Team so that you may be scheduled for Episcopal Community Services Pastoral Care training. Contact Ruth LeSturgeon (610-565-2065) to volunteer for any of the in-reach ministries.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth LeSturgeon

Spiritual Life Team

The Spiritual Life Team meets bi-monthly and focuses on ways to enrich the spiritual life of the Christ Church community. Members include Mark Ash, Martha Ash (Chair), Holly Cunningham, Ruth LeSturgeon, Susan Mayer, Pat Rizzo, and Terry Snyder (stepped down Sept. '09). Jan Ross and Patty Tuck will join our group in 2010.

During 2009 the team focused on the following activities:

- Worked with the Intercessory Prayer Group to write various versions of the Prayers of the People based on the liturgical seasons.
- Prepared a book of devotions for Advent composed of reflections from various members of the Christ Church community.
- Maintained a Spiritual Resources page on the Christ Church website. The page provides recommendations and reviews of spiritually themed local events, books, DVDs, and podcasts.
- Generated potential ideas for Adult Forum.
- Held a Lenten retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY, February 27 to March 1.
- Offered a Lenten series led by Father Randy Williamson that incorporated worship in the Taizé style. It was very well received. We now hold a Taizé service the first Thursday of each month.
- Hosted a quarterly film series followed by directed discussion.
- Worked with LOGOS leaders and youth to develop a successful youth-led worship service on April 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Ash, Chair

Book Discussion Group

As with previous years, the Spiritual Life Group sponsored the book discussion group. In 2009, the group discussed the following titles.

Zookeepers Wife: A War Story by Diane Ackerman

Called Out of Darkness by Ann Rice

Grace Eventually by Anne Lammott

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg

The Misunderstood Jew - The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine

Claiming the Beatitudes by Ann Southerland

The group will set the 2010 list of titles at the January meeting. The group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All adults are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Snyder at 610-874-1781 or snydertr@verizon.net.

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a program of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole Church, founded by and administered by women since 1889. It is a discipline in our life in Christ that begins with daily prayers and gifts of Thanksgiving. These gifts - coins and bills placed in the UTO blue box combined with others within all of the Episcopal Church USA are given away in the form of grants. These grants continue to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the world.

Our Spring Ingathering brought in \$895.00 from 46 people and the Fall Ingathering \$888.95 from 48 people, a total of \$1783.95 from grateful hearts in our Christ Church Family for the year 2009.

With deep appreciation
Virginia Davis
U.T.O. Parish coordinator

Ushers Annual Report (2010)

In 2009 I once again volunteered to work with the Christ Church ushers. Overall the traditional usher responsibilities and contributions remained unchanged from previous years, and we continue to have a dedicated group of both adults and children that perform this important function for Christ Church. The junior ushers have now been involved for close to a decade as they help out at the 10:00 services. They continue to be enthusiastic about performing all duties required of an usher, and their assistance is definitely appreciated. Hopefully each of them will continue as ushers as they grow through high school. Any child over 5 years old is welcome to join us.

We currently have a good supply of ushers, but could always use a few more. This is especially true during busy periods such as Christmas and slow periods during peak vacation times, when a few more volunteers would really make a difference, and also for 8:00 services. Hence we can always use the help of any man, woman, or child that would like to assist in this low stress contribution to the church services.

Please contact any usher or member of the vestry if you are interested in learning more about what is involved in being an usher for Christ Church.

Respectively submitted by:

Randy Bullitt

Parish Register

Baptisms...*"We receive you into the household of God"*

Isabella Devon Tillilie
Ava Renee High
Nolan Maxfield High
James Koen Fredericks

Confirmation...*"They were filled with the Holy Spirit"*

Amy Leigh Angle
Matthew James Angle
Maxfield James High
Nancy Jean Washington

Received into the Episcopal Church

Theresa Rita Snyder
Kelly Ann High

Marriage...*"Send your blessing upon these your servants"*

Amy Lynn Lefranc & Christian James Brunnquell
Susan Seipp Brunnquell & Richard B. Welfley

Deaths/Burials...*"Let light perpetual shine upon them"*

Shirley S. Whitmore
Sara P. Dessauer
J. Rogers Davis
John T. Quinn

Transferred In...*"Welcome to Christ Church"*

James Spencer
Edith Thompson
Louise Parsons
Marylee Bunting
Oscar E. Laborda
Geoffrey Kitson**

Transferred Out...

Henry Beck*
Kelly, Robert, Alison, Maxwell, Harrison, Rory Caulfield*
Judith Ferrara
Carol & Anthony Kennedy
Brian Ferrara
Amy, Matthew Angle

* Transferred out from in-active list.

** Re-activated