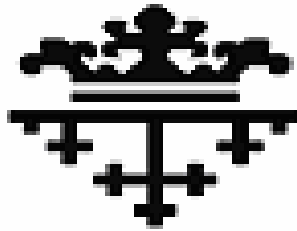


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Annual Meeting of Christ Church, Detroit

January 28, 2007

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church, Detroit opened with a prayer by the Rev. Phillip A. Jackson, Rector, lunch was prepared by Eloisa Lopez and served by the Vestry members.

Kathryn Ellis was elected Secretary. Minutes of the previous annual meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Bob Brown, seconded by Jim Fleming that the minutes be approved as presented. **MOTION PASSED.**

The bios of Vestry nominees were read by Roger Basse, Past Senior Warden, Jim Fleming, outgoing Vestry member and Jim Perry, outgoing Senior Warden. Those nominated were Genet Barthwell, Jon Campbell, Phil Campbell, Marjorie Hughes, Phyllis Lewis, Howard Matthew, Shirley Worthman, and Theresa Zajac. The five persons elected were Genet Barthwell, Jon Campbell, Marjorie Hughes, Howard Matthew, and Teresa Zajac. Toward the end of the meeting, newly elected members of the Vestry received blessings from the Rector and Vestry members.

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention were elected. Lucinda Keils and Bob Crouch were elected delegates, Jim Fleming and Lamar Richardson were elected as alternates.

Architecture Committee

Terry and Seth Lloyd and Tom Cragg were members of the Exploratory Committee who studied the present facilities and made recommendations. The presentation of the Architecture Committee was preceded by an introduction by Jim Fleming, Chairperson of the Building Committee. The Committee members were Melissa Cragg, Junior Warden, Bob Lane, Jim Perry, Senior Warden, John Williams and the Rector, Phillip Jackson. The Sub-Committee was composed of David Coleman (Chairperson) and Roger Basse. The goals that were identified were to: 1) create a vital south entry from Woodbridge Street; 2) solve crowded unsafe breezeway traffic; 3) make for barrier free circulation; 4) make classroom space absolutely first class, and 5) refine usage of many spaces, e.g., office space, rector's space, move the nursery to the first floor. Several firms were interviewed. Gunn Levine Architectural Firm was decided upon. Ed Francis, Tom Roberts, Mark Koval and Greg Worthington were present and presented designs of the proposed renovations. Following the presentations parishioners were offered the opportunity to ask questions. An invitation was extended to persons with more questions to be present at the next Vestry meeting, February 7, 2007. These persons were asked to contact the office if planning to come to the Vestry meeting so that they would be included in the count for dinner.

The Building Committee is now ready to select and bring on a Construction Manager.

Tom Cragg, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, presented a summary of the budget for the ensuing year. He announced that a copy of the approved projected budget would be placed on the Vestry bulletin board in Ledyard Hall.

The meeting was concluded with blessings and dismissal by the Rector, The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn G. Ellis, Secretary to the Vestry

Christ Church Detroit Vestry Nominees

Claire Brown

I have been a member of Christ Church for 15 years. At the time I was looking for a church because I had been raised as a Roman Catholic, even attended a woman's Catholic college, but I had rejected the RCC principally because of its aversion to women priests and the papal stance on birth control. Because I wanted a church community for our daughter she and I had attended first a Unitarian church in Detroit and later Metropolitan Methodist on Woodward Avenue. But these were unsatisfactory for various reasons and Alexa had gone off to college. I was still searching for a theological fit. When I tried out Christ Church I liked all sorts of things about it: the people, its church's mission, the space, the music, the preaching (Erv Brown then), and, of course, the liturgy. I encouraged Bob to try it out and we stuck. I have been an usher since I first arrived at Christ Church. That's how I got hooked: My first friend at Christ Church was Roy Cumming, who asked me to be an usher. Then I became a LEM, a lector, on the Search Committee (for Russell), and on the vestry. While we were searching for Phil, I headed the Worship Committee. I totally loved going to Houston with the youth group to paint houses one summer. The church activities that interest me most are worship: music and liturgy, outreach, reaching new members, and dancing at the Christmas party. I also love the 'extra' things we've done in the past: the Missa Gaia, St. Francis of Assisi Day Blessing of the Animals, St. Mary Magdalene day, the Seder we had one year, a jazz mass we had one year (through Canterbury House), and the wonderful Hafli dinner.

I love to swim, go to movies, cook and eat in restaurants. I love the opera, symphony, modern dance, theatre, travel. I read a lot and bike, sail, go to art galleries. I volunteer as a mentor through Alternatives for Girls and have mentored a young Latina, Sarah, for the past 4 years. We're still going strong. I belong to a monthly dinner group and book club. I volunteered to teach reading to an adult last year through Dominican Literacy Center. I incorporate children into my life as much as I can by staying close to 6 great-nieces and great-nephews and 4 nieces and nephews and helping a friend who adopted 2 boys who are fetal alcohol syndrome - challenged. I love my law work in Juvenile Court where I represent children whose parents are accused of neglect or abuse and indigent parents who are thought by the state to be abusive or neglectful. I also represent indigents in family and probate matters in Wayne County.

I would like to foster more diverse worship and more activities tied to traditions outside our Anglo-American heritage (reciprocal visits between our church and a synagogue or mosque? a movie night once a month which features other kinds of worship or belief?) I would like to foster an environment which encourages more active participation by the youth. In general, I feel that I am flexible and can facilitate an energy-charged cooperative environment for our congregation's decision-making with the new rector.

Oliver S. Coleman

I have been a member of Christ Church since the fall of 2001. Prior to my membership at Christ Church I attended Grace Episcopal Church in Detroit where I served on the vestry. After returning to Detroit from California and Delaware, I was impressed with the ministry and congregants at Christ Church. Presently I serve on the Finance Committee of the church, usher, a regular member of the 9:30 bible study group with Dr. Ralph & Barbara Cushing and a Trustee of the Diocese of Michigan.

What non-church interest and/or activities most consume my time? Writing and publishing, speaking engagements, reading, golfing, gourmet cooking, cruising and vacationing.

My biggest contribution to the vestry will be: developing investment strategies, policy and guidelines, personnel deployment, creative sources of fund raising and allocations, a voice for thoughtful consideration and creative involvement of people.

Betty Cooper

I am a cradle Episcopalian with a 50 year membership at St. Cyprian's. Before I started looking for a new church home, at the invitation of Stew Watts, a friend of my daughter, my mother and I visited Christ Church and I have never left. I tried unsuccessfully to remember the year because it feels like I have been here forever. I was overwhelmed by the warmth and friendliness shown and the heavenly voices of the choir. My family is very small and every Sunday feels like a family reunion with all the hugs and kisses exchanged. Shortly after joining, Jo Mashour asked me to be a greeter and I willingly accepted which gave me the opportunity to familiarize myself with the members. I have also served on the Activities Committee.

Being a workaholic, I have been employed in many areas of nursing of 50 years. Retiring from the Audit Dept at BCBSM in March 1995, I was called back in June to assist for a few months and periodically since because I could never say no. Up until November 2007, I thought I was superwoman even holding down 3 jobs at one time for about 2 weeks straight again because I could never say no.

God has His way of letting you know when enough is enough. I was hospitalized for a week and was so uplifted by the visits from Joyce, Jon, Geoff and the many phone calls and cards from my extended family. I feel God was telling me since you like working so much it's time to let that outside work go and honor your commitment to Me and you can't say no. It is an honor to be nominated for the vestry.

Kathy Ellis

I am a retired Detroit Public School teacher. I love this place! It is the center of my life – my spiritual existence. I came here around 1985 after reading an editorial by a Free Press writer about a tenor in the Christ Church choir who had perfect pitch. I came and after a very negative experience at another Episcopal church where someone very dear to me was vilified, I came. I claimed Christ Church as my spiritual home. A few years later Christ Church claimed me. I found it to be such a loving, inclusive worshipful family. Since being at CCD I've become a regular volunteer, secretary to the vestry and secretary at the Annual Meeting a recent member of the Bell choir, participant in Homeless Week, a greeter, lector, Eucharistic minister – making myself available whenever and wherever I can.

I enjoy traveling, reading, doing puzzles, being physically active, knitting, going to the theatre and the symphony. I now try to keep busy and entertained not that I am alone.

What can I do for CCD? Continue to serve in needed areas to help CCD maximize its influence and service to this community.

David Jackson

We joined Christ Church around 7 years ago. We followed Phil Jackson from the Cathedral. Obviously, the Search Committee has my major interest at this time with our meeting sometimes 1-2 times in a week. Being on the Search Committee has allowed me time to get to know people in the church that I might not have sat down with before. I also feel that it is allowing me an opportunity to serve the church as we embark on making a tremendously important decision.

I am a physician and my practice is in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. I went to the University of Michigan for undergrad and medical school and stayed there after training for the first few years of practice. Outside of church the majority of my time is spent either at work or with the kids. The boys are very active in school and in sports and sometimes it feels as though we need a full time coordinator for their activities. UM football is one thing that I still try to make time for. I love movies, but the nights out are more like nights in with a DVD.

I think that my biggest contribution to the vestry will be dedication and an even handed approach to problems.

John Loney

John has been a member of Christ Church since he was married here in 1985. He attends with his wife, Lauren, and daughters, Marisa (16), Dana (11), and Erin (9). Throughout the years John has helped with various parish activities, including homeless week, the Grand Prix parties, and the church picnics. In the past he has served on the Long Range Planning Committee. He is also involved with the youth of the church, participating in many Sunday School activities, and in the past with the Youth Group. More recently John served as co-leader of the J2A program (2002 – 2004) and served on the Vestry from 2003 – 2005 where he led the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study team and participated on the Capital Campaign Committee.

John grew up in Pittsburgh, PA. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and has spent nearly 24 years with Westinghouse, EDS, Deloitte & Touche, and Dassault Systemes. He is currently a Senior Director with Dassault Systemes. John enjoys sports and outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, and skiing. John also enjoys spending time with his family.

If elected John will use his business, leadership, and planning skills to ensure that Christ Church continues to be a thriving parish community.

Eileen MacDonald

My name is Eileen MacDonald, and I have been a member of Christ Church Detroit for 25 years. I still remember my first visit to this beautiful place. It was summertime, and my friend, Jim Hohmeyer, invited me to come and sing with the choir. I stopped by before the service to meet the choir director (Mac Johns), and before I knew what had happened to me, I was robed up and sight-reading two anthems! I've been singing in the alto section ever since. I really enjoy being a part of the worship service here, as we strive to create beautiful music to enhance everyone's church experience. In addition to serving in the choir, I joined the Millennium Development Goals Committee last year, and I am becoming a "regular" at the Saturday morning Gleaners volunteer sessions as well. I would like to continue and expand my involvement in outreach activities.

Outside of church, I am a high school mathematics teacher, with a great love of Calculus (though my music degree has crept into my teaching schedule multiple times throughout my career). I sing with the Essex Singers, a Windsor-based choir, around the Christmas holiday. I am also very busy helping Megan as she juggles the hectic schedule of junior year. My husband, Gary, and I love to travel, and we are dabbling in the world of ballroom dance, taking a Swing class this winter. I am also very passionate about theater and movies, and I love to read a good book.

I am interested in becoming a member of the vestry of this wonderful church because I believe that I have strong leadership skills, and I am also good at seeing the "big picture" in problem-solving situations. I have belonged to the Episcopal church all of my life; my mother was a vestry person and a very active member of the Episcopal Church Women, and I often find myself feeling her influence, urging me to become more involved in the workings of my church home. I am especially excited to become involved in plans for the future, as we welcome a new rector to our community. As a long-time member of this parish, and as the parent of a teenager, I believe that, if elected, I will bring a helpful perspective to the vestry of Christ Church Detroit.

Aretha Marshall

I have officially been a member of Christ Church for two years, though a visitor over the past five years. I transferred from the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (member 25 years) and was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for 35 years. I receive religious and spiritual affirmation from the services, enjoy the comradeship of the congregation with long standing friends and newly met congregation members.

My non-church interests and/or activities include philanthropic and community activities: Joseph & Aretha Marshall Family Endowment Fund, Community Foundation for SE Michigan; Michigan Woman's Foundation; the Junior League of Detroit; the Links, Incorporated; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; National Conference for Community & Justice; Kellogg Foundation Middle Start Initiative; Women's Health Initiative and Metro Detroit Teens Conference. My hobbies and interests include: Volunteer/consultant services to public school education, event planning, reading and travel.

Professionally, I serve as an educational strategist for the planning, development and organization of schools. As a member of the vestry, I would pursue activities to address the current desires and recommendations of the congregation, work to expand our membership, and enhance our parish's recognition in the Metropolitan Detroit Community as an urban, embracing membership to serve spiritual, religious and civic advancements.

Marilyn Shahly

I have been a member of Christ Church since I moved to Detroit, a little over twelve years ago. The warm welcome I received from parishioners, the beautiful music, the traditional liturgy and the thoughtful sermons all made me feel that I found my church home. I am an usher, a member of the Handbell Choir, Co-Chair of the Parish Activities Committee, Co-Chair of the Rector Search Committee and a founding member of the Knitting Ministry. I have volunteered for the Rotating Shelter, for Habitat for Humanity, and as a Shepherd.

My non-church interests include knitting, sewing, gardening, cooking, playing with grandchildren, traveling, reading, and volunteering as a tax counsellor through AARP.

As a member of the vestry, I believe I would contribute creative problem solving skills, management experience, an ability to work with people, and a love for Christ Church.

Gail Smith

I have been a member of Christ Church family since 1950 at the age of 4. The Church was a 1/2 block away from where my parents and I lived at the time. It has been a pleasure in participating at the Church in Sunday School, Junior and Senior Choir, Girls Friendly Society, confirmed at the Church in 1958, Altar Guild, Acolyte, Greeter and in 2006 joined the Bell Choir.

I retired in 2003 from Chase Bank (National Bank of Detroit) after 34 years of service in various departments: Bank Investment, HP Operations, Trust Operations, Vault Auditing, Personal Trust Account Administration (PTAA). I have participated in working at the Gleaners Food Bank.

My contribution to the Church would be that as a longtime member, I have been in various curriculums of the Church that I have experienced. I would attempt to share my skills and suggestions to make sure that the Church will continue to thrive in this community.

Sue Webb

I have been a member of CCD since I was baptized and confirmed here in 1979. The volleyball group on Wed. nights brought me here, but then I started attending church and found how friendly and welcoming everyone was. When I heard that I was on the prayer list and Nancy Sargent visited me in the hospital after a ruptured appendix I decided it should be my church home. I have been involved with many church activities over the years: 3 terms on the Vestry, founder of the Shepherding program, Grand Prix Steering Committee, Chair of the Outreach Committee, Soup Kitchen Volunteer, Camp Chick Task Force, Long Range Planning, Bell Choir, knitting, and currently Search Committee Member.

Professionally I am on the faculty of Wayne State University College of Nursing where currently I am Co-Coordinator of a Med-Surg course with 140 students. Sports are a great interest, both watching and playing: tennis, golf, and bowling. College basketball is my favorite viewing sport (what would you expect from a Hoosier?) I am on the Board of Directors of the Indian Village Tennis Club which has had many CCD members over the years. Needlepoint is also a hobby.

The contributions that I could bring to the Vestry are experience, a working knowledge of the group process, and continuity for a new Rector as a member of the search committee.

Jan Weir

I first came to Christ Church in 1991 to sing as a volunteer in the alto section. Gradually Christ Church became my church and in 1995 I was received as a member. This was a pretty big step for me since my father was a Presbyterian minister and I had been pretty active in my home church all of my life. In fact I was surprised how many of my high school classmates were shocked to learn that I was now an Episcopalian. My commitment to Christ Church has grown over the years and will continue beyond my earthly existence since I have now bought a niche in the Columbarium. (Said niche is positioned so that I can haunt the alto section and have a nice view of the beautiful window at the back of the church.) I have served one term on the Vestry from 2004-2006, was part of the Capital Campaign Committee and have participated in the Tuesday Bible Study, the D.O.C.C. program and various evening book studies.

At present Christ Church is my consuming interest since I am presently serving as Treasurer and a member of the following committees: Finance, Construction and the New Rector Search Committee. Fortunately the latter two committees will conclude their business within the next few months. As a recent retiree I became heavily involved here at Christ Church in order to avoid having to clean my house and sort through all of the junk I have in the basement. Other ways that I have to avoid housework are reading, quilting and travel.

My biggest contribution to the Vestry would be my intimate knowledge of the workings of this congregation especially over the last five years which I would hope would be of some use to Vestry and our new rector.

Pam Wilkins

I began attending Christ Church in late 2004 and joined the church in 2005. I have been an active member of one of the Breakfast Teams since 2005 and more recently have served on the Stewardship Committee. Occasionally I volunteer at Gleaners with other parishioners and have also volunteered during Homeless Week. When I still lived in South Carolina, I attended St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (Columbia) and served as a lector, Sunday school teacher, and member (sometimes chair) of the church's AIDS Care Team.

I am employed by the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where I teach legal writing, torts, and a course on the death penalty. In my free time, I play in a local flute choir, mentor a child through Alternatives for Girls, and watch far too much college basketball.

As for what my greatest contribution to the Vestry might be, I'm not entirely sure. The following comments may or may not be useful: I am most interested in adult Christian education and in outreach. I have heard wonderful things about the Sunday morning adult Bible study and would like to see Christ Church expand its regular Sunday morning offerings for adults. Additionally, I'm excited about our emphasis both on the Millennium Development Goals and on local initiatives. I think I may bring a different perspective to the table. As a single person who is approaching (hurtling toward!) mid-life, I am an atypical congregant, and I suspect my experiences of the church generally and of Christ Church specifically also may be atypical. Although I may not be the best judge of my own virtues and flaws, I have been told that I am both level-headed and thoughtful. To the extent this is true, I would bring those traits to the table.

January 27, 2008

*And the One that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.
Revelation 21:5*

When I first came to Christ Church in January of 1984 it never occurred to me that all these years later God would call me back to this wonderful community, and it has been such a joy. As I imagined, I found lots of long-time members and lots of newer ones. It was a pleasure to see people who had served on my Lay Committee like Christine and Ernestine Rogers, Elsie Peck and Richard Villwock, and to get to know more recent arrivals like Melissa Cragg and Lamar Richardson. It was also interesting to see some of the physical changes such as the columbarium which is new since those earlier days.

In May of 2007 the task was to facilitate the developmental process of the interim period, provide support for the vestry, staff and lay leadership, and help you prepare for the call of the next rector.

Christ Church has long been a program size congregation in terms of average Sunday attendance; however in recent years it has operated as a pastoral size parish which limits growth. Although there has been an impression among members that Christ Church has been a rapidly growing congregation, the Participation & Giving Trends on the Episcopal Church website show us as having just slightly fewer baptized members than was true ten years earlier. So one of the first tasks was to reinvigorate ministries that have been important to the parish and that will be attractive to candidates, and begin to return to a program size structure, while providing support to those ministries that have continued with strong lay leadership.

Unlike a pastoral size congregation, a program size parish, with an average Sunday attendance from 150-300, exceeds in size and complexity what a rector is able to do alone, and in many cases what a vestry is able to do alone. Consequently, ministry is increasingly delegated by rector or vestry and done by lay leaders and committees. The role of the rector becomes one of training, coaching, supervising, encouraging and coordinating. The role of the vestry is increasingly one of setting policy while relying on the work and recommendations of committees. Instead of a single center of life and energy in which everyone knows everyone else people tend to congregate around multiple centers where needs for relationship and belonging are met and where there are opportunities to use one's gifts. At Christ Church some of those centers of life and energy are Sunday Bible Study with Barbara and Ralph Cushing, the Tuesday Bible Study, the Christ Church Choir, the Christ Church Handbell Choir, Sunday School, Outreach and the Millennium Development Goals Committee.

Continuing Ministries

In recent years we have been blessed with a number of continuing ministries including Finance, Outreach, Construction, Shepherds groups and the Prayer Chain among others.

Finance: Tom Cragg, who has had much on his plate this year, asked to be relieved as chair of the Finance Committee and Jane Forbes has succeeded him. This group had a great deal of work to do this year because of the construction, the need for a bridge loan, the decision to change banks, and the need for an audit.

Outreach has done an outstanding job under the leadership of Tom Moore and continues to expand, most recently by the creation of the MDG Committee, chaired by Seth Lloyd, and a new commitment yet to take shape with a hands-on involvement with the work of Southwest Solutions. Meanwhile our

thanks to all those involved in the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen, NOAH Bag Lunch, Gleaners, the Rotating shelter, and Meals on Wheels.

Construction is beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel but continue to work on loose ends such as the security system. Hats off to Dave Coleman and his trusty crew.

The Shepherds groups are overseen by Patsy Coleman, and our thanks to her for keeping people in the loop.

The Prayer Chain is blessed with the leadership of Sally Moore whose monthly letters are such a gift.

Fellowship has been the work of a variety of different groups among them the Breakfast Teams under the leadership of Josephine Powell and Lamar Richardson, who also oversaw our summer refreshments in the choir room and parking lot, the Parish Activities Committee with Harold Cherry and Marilyn Shahly, and the Needle Arts group that meets monthly in people's homes.

New and Reinvigorated Ministries

These include Pastoral Care, Buildings & Grounds, the Chapel Planning Team, the Staffing Plan Working Group, Stewardship, and the Dedication Committee.

Pastoral Care: I met early on with the Rev. Joyce Treppa, our deacon, and Patsy Coleman, one of our Eucharistic visitors. We identified people in need of care, and called a meeting of people interested in this ministry. One of our discoveries is that there are other persons who were trained and licensed as Eucharistic Visitors but who had not had an opportunity to serve and some additional people who were interested. Mildred Stennis and Kathy Ellis are now serving, and Mary Vitolins is being prepared for this work, all of which is overseen by Joyce Treppa. In addition we have offers from Dave and Debbie Faust and Marjorie Hughes.

Geoffrey Piper and I provide care to those who are hospitalized or in transition whether from home to assisted living, or hospital to rehab for instance. In addition, we went out together to provide home communions at Christmas and will visit again this spring with Easter communions.

Buildings & Grounds, with Bob Lane as chair and Dave Coleman as vice chair, is one of the largest groups to be appointed this year, perhaps because the construction project made us acutely aware of just how large our physical plant is and just how much attention it requires at this point in history. They have three pages of marching orders but great commitment and morale. They will be working in subcommittees which I expect you will find in their report. Meanwhile, hats off to Mary Logan who relinquished the chair of the Garden Committee this year after long and faithful service.

The Chapel Planning Team, chaired by Jim Perry, is responsible for the creation of the new chapel in the south transept adjoining the parking lot. We have a generous donor to cover the cost of the floor, and some memorial funds that can be applied to furnishings. There were some early questions concerning the orientation of the space for which we consulted the Rev. John Runkle, an architect and the conservator of the Washington National Cathedral. Lauren Leney hopes to have a variety of drawings available at the Annual Meeting for those interested in visualizing some of the choices.

The Staffing Plan Working Group was created to review what our staffing needs will be going forward, developing a plan to meet those needs, and maintaining contact with the Search Committee who will need to communicate that to candidates. It is a small committee of five members, chaired by Seth Lloyd.

The Stewardship Committee was chaired by Megan Norris and did an outstanding job this year. Nearly half of our pledges were received on the Sunday due, and the committee gathered for a phon-a-thon to complete the project. There was an increase of approximately 12% at last report which is an important first step toward increasing revenue, so we are grateful to the committee and to each of you who responded so promptly and generously.

The Dedication Committee was chaired by Terry Lloyd who designed and mailed invitations, raised funds, secured the services of Genet Barthwell to cater the event, and hosted former rector Erv Brown, our guest preacher, and his wife Tish. It was a fabulous occasion with architects, contractors and construction friends participating, together with former clergy, and a very full church with retired bishop H. Coleman McGehee present with his wife June. A good time was had by all, and a fruit basket was sent to former rector Phil Jackson to thank him for his initiative and leadership.

The Web Team was hastily called together this year to assist with the much needed upgrade to the website. Special thanks to Sue Webb, Jack Barthwell and John Williams who worked with Sandra Richardson, the staff liaison, and Jay Hunter, our professional web designer. In the next month we expect it to have a new banner.

Worship continues to be a collaborative endeavor involving all orders of ministry. We are especially thankful for the Acolytes, overseen first by Melissa Cragg and then by Cathy Berlage, the Altar Guild, under the leadership of Josephine Powell and Eliza Parkinson who succeeded Tina Hunter when she moved to the Cathedral, Greeters who are scheduled by David Chivas, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, who are scheduled by Jon Campbell, Ushers are overseen by Chris Beck, and the Christ Church Choir under the leadership of Jeffrey Walker, who also serves as director of the Handbell Choir. This year we have been using material from *Enriching Our Worship*, the authorized version of supplemental texts, as well as the resources of the Book of Common Prayer, and we vary the selections based on the season or occasion.

Going forward, the next two committees we need are New Member Ministry and Christian Education. Whether we are able to launch either of these in the time ahead remains to be seen, but both of these are important to the future of Christ Church and need the commitment of lay leadership and membership.

Finally, my thanks to the vestry for their strong and steady leadership, and to wardens Melissa Cragg and Lamar Richardson, Secretary Kathy Ellis and Treasurer Jan Weir. Two members of the vestry resigned this past year and we want to thank Roma Anderson and David Schindler-Wood for their service. We are blessed with volunteers under the leadership of Jo Mashour who help cover the office, serve as counters, fold bulletins, and a host of other tasks. The staff that oversees the day to day operation of the parish is a treat, and I am grateful to my clergy colleagues Geoffrey Piper and Joyce Treppa for their shared leadership and support week in and week out, and to Rollie Norris and Bill Logan whose experience is a gift to Christ Church. The Holy Spirit has been at work in every corner of this parish community breathing new life, energy and excitement into our common life.

It has been a pleasure to share this part of the journey with you.

Assistant to the Rector for Christian Education
by The Rev. Geoffrey Piper+

Brainstorming with architects and construction managers; consulting and planning with parents and Christian Education volunteers; adapting to all the temporary inconveniences of the building renovations; creatively making-do without classrooms, bathrooms, and meeting places; packing, moving, and unpacking: these initiatives took up the greater part of Christ Church's Christian Education energy in 2007. God bless you all for your suppleness and good humor as we found our way forward!

Happily, the project is complete except for finishing touches. Our parish is poised to re-deploy with improved parish facilities, the leadership of a new rector, and the extraordinary gifts and faithfulness of our congregational membership. I pray that each of us will attend to our callings in servanthood, further develop our gifts as we take our several parts in our parish mission, and build up the Body of Christ as we serve our neighbors in our Lord's name.

Here are some highlights of the 2007 program year:

- Our 2007 J2A crew saw the culmination of several years of preparation in their **Pilgrimage to the United Kingdom**. **Christopher Jackson, Anna Basse, Nick Berlage, Katherine Ealy, Jennifer Faust, Megan MacDonald, and Emma Wilbert** participated. They walked in the footsteps of the saints, loved and encouraged one another as they deepened their spiritual lives, and had their souls opened to the rich history of Anglican and Celtic Christian faith. Their sites included Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Lincoln Cathedral, castle, and Roman ruins, Rosslyn Chapel and York Minster, Rievaulx Abbey (founded in 1131), Lindisfarne (England's Holy Isle, where they learned about Saints Aidan and Cuthbert), Berwick Upon Tweed, Scotland's Isle of Iona and the Abbey there, and finally Glasgow, Scotland.

They were led by **The Rev. Phil Jackson, Sally LePla-Perry, Tina Hunter, and Clif Vance**. Their presentation to the parish is in the works, and we'll rejoice to receive that!

Abundant thanks to all the parishioners who so generously supported the various fund-raisers, including our first **E-Bay Benefit Auction** and events that enabled them to have this glorious, faith-building experience.

- Our third and fourth graders were led through their early communion curriculum early in 2007. They were honored in a special communion on March 25th.
- Our new **J2A group**, led by **Megan Norris** and **John Williams**, took a successful Urban Adventure (training young teens to be resourceful and collaborative in problem solving) trip to Chicago in June. They also helped to prepare and serve (along with their younger Rite 13 pals) a tasty **Shrove Tuesday pancake supper**.
- Your assistant rector directed a diocesan team of 30 teens, collegians, and adults in a summer service project: **Compassion at Work—Detroit**. They teamed up with **Habitat for Humanity** in their **Blitz Build**. The team from towns, suburbs and downtown helped to construct houses in a recovering east-side neighborhood, built trust and friendships while lodging and eating in a dormitory at Wayne State, and discovered many soul-expanding realities of the faith, challenges, and promise of urban ministry in Detroit. Christ Church generously supported this initiative with a gift from the Outreach ministry.

- Youngsters and teens collaborated in helping to lead **family worship services** in 2007. One of the finest moments was on Mother's Day, with the combined youth and adult chorus, guided by the gospel piano riffs of **Jeffrey Walker**, leading the congregation in the Keith Hampton anthem, "Praise His Holy Name." What a joyful noise!

Several **Rite 13** celebrities were welcomed into their journey to adulthood on November 4th, when we observed All Saints' Day. This year's participants were **Nicholas Emerson Beck, Hugh Wilbert, Rachel Marie Berlage, Caroline W. Galli, and Michael Charles Gerlach. Special thanks to our faithful and dedicated Rite 13 Advisors, Tom Cragg and Lauren Leney.**

- Even with the multiple dislocations our building project presented, the **Christmas Pageant** went ahead on December 24th. Our amazingly gifted little singers, angels, shepherds, lambs, kings... the whole splendid assembly presented the nativity story with fresh power and faithfulness. Special thanks to **Deb Fedon, Ellen Keyt, and Katie Piper** for helping with the music.
- **Worship Center** and **Nursery care** have continued on Sunday mornings. **Carolyn Lucas** has been a trusted and loving friend, overseeing our treasured little punkins wherever we have gathered. We could use some adult helpers in Worship Center as we begin the new year and reset our facilities.
- Never-ending thanks to those who have given their guidance and love to our children in the Sunday School classes week after week. God bless our excellent mentors and teachers: **Bill Fleming, Dawn Esse, Cathy Berlage, Kevin Maher, Laura Sanom, Lamar Richardson, Ben Wilbert**, and all those who pinch-hit on occasion. These are superbly gifted servants of Christ, and the parish is privileged to have their loyal and capable service week after week. Let's give them the best tribute, and fill their classrooms with those we invite to join us in our mission, fellowship, and worship at Christ Church.

Acolytes

Melissa Cragg (Jan- June '07), Cathy Berlage (Sept – Dec '07) Schedulers

Anna Basse
William Basse
Nicholas Berlage
Rachel Berlage
Timothy Cragg
Andrew Diehl
Megan Fleming
Anthony Franklin
Michele Franklin

Patricia Franklin
Sarah Franklin
Nicholas Galli
David Gerlach
Michael Gerlach
Mary Grahame Hunter
Christopher Jackson
Dana Leney
Marisa Leney

Katherine Maher
Taylor Matthew
Aidan Schindler-Wood
Rebecca Schindler-Wood
Christian Warner
Sean Watts
Emma Wilbert
Hugh Wilbert
Stephen Wilbert

The Christ Church Altar Guild Annual Report

by Josephine Powell and Eliza Parkinson, Co-Chairs

Like most of the church, the Altar Guild has had a challenging year working around the challenges presented by our construction. However, we have mostly triumphed and look forward to enjoying our wonderful new changes.

The Altar Guild has worked hard this past year serving the church and assisting clergy by insuring that preparations for Eucharist, baptisms, weddings, funerals, seasonal events and other sacramental needs are met.

As one of our members has said, it is often work that is “invisible” because we have come to take it for granted that we have candles, altar cloths, seasonal color changes, flowers and untarnished silver and brass. However, it is the work of the devoted members of the altar guild which makes it seem so integral and seamless in the fabric of our life together in the church and the parish. In the coming year, we hope to continue our service and efforts to reorganize and re-establish our routines disrupted by the construction and moves.

I want to express my thanks to all of the members of the altar guild and especially to co-chair Liza Parkinson and past chairs Margaret Hammond and George Ellenwood. Their efforts go above and beyond.

We continue to look for and offer welcome and fellowship to new members. Please think of us when you decide to take up a new effort on behalf of the parish.

Altar Guild Members

Bob Crouch
George Ellenwood
Jane Forbes
Mavis Groh-Lane
Margaret Hammond

Marjorie Hughes
Tina Hunter
Josephine Mashour
Eliza Parkinson
Josephine Powell

Mary Lou Solomon
Letha Ann Steward
John Vetrano
Merle Watts
Tracy Williams

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Buildings and Grounds Committee 2007 Annual Report

by Bob Lane

Committee newly formed in 2007

In July, Reverend Carol called for the formation of a new Buildings & Grounds committee to oversee the maintenance, use & care of all parish buildings and property. Some of this had been under the prevue of existing committees (such as the garden committee) but she felt it was necessary to establish this new group to formalize, coordinate and plan for needs in all areas. In broad terms the new committee will plan, coordinate and control:

Maintenance & Care of Property & Buildings

1. Study and develop an understanding of building and property maintenance needs;
2. Develop a plan to address maintenance needs, and set priorities to propose to the vestry to include recommendations for priorities, staffing and funding.
3. Recommend to the vestry any guidelines that may be appropriate for the establishment of a major maintenance reserve fund;
4. Work with service people;
5. Recruit and motivate members of the congregation to share responsibility for this work;
6. Establish and oversee seasonal maintenance of all equipment (furnace, air conditioner, plumbing facilities, kitchen and bathroom facilities, office machines and equipment, etc.);
7. Establish and oversee annual safety checks including inspection of fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, carbon monoxide levels, access to exits, first aid equipment, procedures for contacting emergency services, etc.;
8. Establish and oversee a process for obtaining and overseeing the services of contractors as needed, e.g. snow removal, landscaping, roof repair, etc.;
9. Establish & control proper building security procedures and responsibilities;
10. Work collaboratively with the sexton(s) on routine cleaning and maintenance.

Use of Buildings

1. Perform periodic reviews with the rector of any policies and procedures on the use of the building and property for non-parish functions including who gives permission, and any criteria there may be;
2. Recommend to the rector/vestry which groups may use the building free of charge;
3. Identify what responsibilities users have for clean-up and who is responsible for overseeing that standards are met;
4. Establish procedures, oversite responsibilities and documentation to insure that all parties involved (committee, staff, rector, users) are aware of the rules and responsibilities regarding the use of church facilities and such use is controlled and monitored.

Insurance

1. Review insurance needs annually with the treasurer and any other appropriate person or group, e.g. Finance Committee, insurance agent(s), diocesan facilities authorities, etc.;
2. Ensure the parish is in compliance with the canons and the Manual on Business Methods in Church Affairs;

3. Insure that the parish's liability insurance appropriately covers the building for all uses of the parish facilities including non congregational use, e.g. twelve step programs, community ministries or private events.

Property & Records

1. Maintain an inventory of the contents of the buildings with assessment value, photographs and the serial numbers of equipment where appropriate;
2. Establish procedures and documentation to insure that new property that is acquired is properly identified and recorded on an on-going basis;
3. Maintain an on-going record of church library documents and artifacts.

Grounds & Gardens

1. All previous Garden Committee responsibilities (flowers, shrubs, volunteer groups, spring clean-up, etc);
2. Work with City authorities, property neighbors, other church committees and volunteers to develop a plan to enhance our external property areas (new Jefferson patio, parking lots, street cross-walks, gardens).

The committee was established in September and has in its initial two meetings, begun to organize, determine most urgent needs and plan for its new responsibilities. The Committee then met in January and the various sub-committees are now in operation.

Current committee members are:

Bob Lane – Chair
David Coleman – Vice-Chair
Karen Fleming – Secretary

Sub-Committees:

Maintenance Subcommittee: David Coleman, Chair; Rick Marr, Ben Starkey, & Art Shahly.

Property & Records Subcommittee: Jo Zedan – Chair; and Gail Smith

Insurance Subcommittee: Rick Marr – Chair; and Roger Basse

Grounds & Gardens Subcommittee: Tom Moore - Chair; Shirley Worthman; Harold Cherry;
Karen Fleming; and George Ellenwood

Facilities Use and Rental: Margaret Hammond – Chair; and Karen Fleming

Others: Roger Basse (Parking Lots); Elsie Peck (Chapel); Steve Berlage; Jon Miller; Claire Brown (Chapel); Richard Esse; Deborah Gillespie; Marjorie Hughes; and Kevin Maher

Mary Logan has indicated that she no longer wishes to serve administratively on the Garden Committee. She will be happy to continue to help with the hands-on garden duties. We owe her a great debt of gratitude for her years of service in supporting and leading the garden activities. Thank you Mary!!

Greeters

David Chivas, Scheduler

Yvonne Abdullah
Roger and Mary Basse
David Chivas
Dorothy Coleman
Betty Cooper
Miriam Costandi
Kathy Ellis

Mavis Groh-Lane
Seth and Terry Lloyd
Jo Mashour
Betty Rutherford
Merle Watts
Pauline Wright

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Jon Campbell, Scheduler

Lectors

Sue Barber
Miriam Costandi
Bob Crouch
Susan Diehl
Kathy Ellis
David Faust
Tony Franklin
Chris Jackson
Phyllis Lewis
Seth Lloyd
Jon Miller
Sonia Olsen
Bill Peck
Lamar Richardson
Milli Stennis
John Vetrano
Jan Weir
David Wood

Eucharistic Ministers

Chris Beck
Bob Brown
Jon Campbell
David Coleman
Miriam Costandi
Bob Crouch
Kathy Ellis
David Faust
Karen Fleming
Jim Fleming
Joel Kar
Mary Keatts
Lucinda Keils
Jon Miller
Fred Motney
Milli Stennis
Letha Ann Steward
John Vetrano
Michelle Wilbert
David Wood

Music Ministry Annual Report January 2008

by Jeffrey Walker, Assistant to the Rector for Music Ministry

- Our Handbell Choir rang seven times throughout the year, including Easter and Christmas Eve
- Summer choir had two highly successful Sundays
- During the building renovation, a moveable platform was constructed for the small tracker organ
- In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday, the hymns and anthems were all spirituals
- Once during Lent we featured the women and the men of the choir on separate Sundays
- Roger Maki-Schramm, principal bassoon of the Flint Symphony, played the Mozart Bassoon Concerto during a service in February
- On Good Friday we presented Bach Cantata #106, God's Time is Best, with two flutes, strings, and harpsichord
- On Easter Day the choir was joined by a fine brass quartet on the hymns and offertory anthem
- Our children and youth joined with the parish choir on several hymns and anthems for our family worship services on Mother's Day and All Saints Sunday
- In November the choir sang Halsey Stevens' Magnificat, accompanied by organ, and trumpeter Matt Thomas, who also played Stevens' Trumpet Sonata
- The choir sang excerpts from Handel's Messiah, accompanied by strings and harpsichord, at the late service on Christmas Eve

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the Special Music Fund.

Handbell Choir

Miriam Constandi
Sandra Dickerson
Kathy Ellis
Margaret Hammond

Jo Mashour
Lamar Richardson
Marilyn Shahly
Gail Smith

Milli Stennis
Sue Webb
Jan Weir

Parish Choir

Sopranos:

Mary Brown
Joy Crawford
Sarah Kish
Tricia Klapthor
Christine Rice
Michelle Wilbert
Ruth Zaromp

Altos:

Wendy Ford
Vicki Frederick
Dorothy Howett
Sally Leppla
Eileen MacDonald
Megan MacDonald
Leslie Piper
Loretta Ryder
Jan Weir

Tenors:

David Faust
Richard Householder
Mike Johnston
Mark Mooningham,
James Moore Jr.
Kenn Stanton

Basses:

Lindsay Barr
Bill Hope
Howard Matthew
Bill Peck
Erich Vom Steeg

Outreach Committee Annual Report – 2007

by Tom Moore, Chairperson

Again, I would like to preface my report by saying that a lot of Outreach activity goes on at Christ Church by our parishioners over and above the activities that the Outreach Committee is engaged in.

1. Meetings were held in January, March, May, October and November.
2. The Spirit of Hope (formerly Trinity) Church Soup Kitchen was manned by our member on all four (4) 5th Saturdays of the month during the year, ably supervised by Jon Miller.
3. The NOAH bag lunch program at Central United Methodist Church was carried out twice this year (May and October) led by John Williams. Approximately 400 lunches were procured, assembled and distributed by our volunteers.
4. Gleaners food preparation (directed by Seth Lloyd) continued throughout the year on Saturday mornings on a bi-monthly frequency.
5. Habitat for Humanity: Through Rev. Geoffrey Piper and the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan Youth Program, we financially aided several Detroit youth to be active participants in this year's Build Blitz in August on the east side of Detroit. We also financed the tent, tables and chair rentals for the daily lunch program.
6. Southwest Solutions: A check for \$2500.00 was sent for their "Evenstart" Program. This organization does outstanding work on Detroit's southwest side in literacy, mental health, counseling and housing-real estate.
7. Millennium Development Goals: An on-going program coordinated by Seth Lloyd is planning meetings to present information on the eight goals for our membership. One meeting on Primary Education was held between services on October 28, 2007. The other seven will follow in 2008.
8. Sunshine School located at Spirit of Hope (formerly Trinity) Church continues to do well under the fine leadership of Rev. Matthew Bode. Tom and Sally Moore continue to serve on the Board. 35-45 children (2 ½ -6 years of age) participate in the full-day program.
9. Crossroads: Margo Norris coordinated a project to collect food and clothing for Crossroads prior to Christmas. Several carloads of donated items were delivered by mid-December.
10. Listed as follows are contributions made by the Outreach Committee during 2007:

Sunshine School	\$ 7000.00
Habitat for Humanity	5000.00
Southwest Solutions	2500.00
Metro Teen Conference	500.00
Cass Community Services	<u>100.00</u>
	\$15,100.00

Members of the Outreach Committee

Harriet Ald	Jo Mashour	Janet Weir
Robert Brown	Jon Miller	Michelle Wilbert
Patsy Coleman	Sally and Tom Moore	John Williams
Lucinda Keils	Margo Norris	Pamela Wilkins
Terry and Seth Lloyd	Josephine Powell	John Vetrano

Prayer Ministry

by Patsy Coleman

There are a number of different prayer ministries at Christ Church. What I've tried to do is to include information about all of them in this report.

Sally Moore heads up the **Prayer Chain** ministry, which provides the opportunity for Christ Church parishioners to engage in a disciplined life of intercessory prayer. Prayer Chain members pray at least once per week for those in troubling situations, for the ill, for those in need of inner peace and for the special needs of Christ Church, the community and the world. A prayer list and letter are sent on a monthly basis to each member. If you are not a member of the Prayer Chain, you can join simply by telephoning Sally Moore (313-884-9202) or the church office (313-259-6688). There are currently 37 Prayer Chain members. Any parishioner may submit or delete names or special needs for the Prayer Chain at any time.

Marilyn Shahly is the unofficial head of the **Knitting ministry**. Groups of parishioners have been meeting once a month either on Tues or Sat morning to knit or crochet. Because of the construction the Tues group hasn't been meeting for the last few months. The Sat group continued to meet at different parishioner's homes during the summer and fall. Besides making prayer shawls these groups have made lap robes, some of which were sent to St. Anne's Mead and various hospitals, premie caps, chemo caps, baby blankets and quilts for Project Linus, and helmet liners which were sent to service people in Iraq and Afghanistan and merchant seamen through the Christmas-at-Sea Program. While many people get together and make these items, others knit or crochet 7" squares at home, which are then put together to make the lap robes. The group is open to anyone who would like to join us on the 3rd Sat at 10 AM, or make any of the projects at home. Marilyn has copies of all the patterns that we've been using and quite a bit of donated yarn to give out as well. Contact Marilyn, marilynshahly@mac.com for further information.

During the construction the **prayer group** that meets after the 10:30 service moved around in the church quite a bit. For now we've settled on the south transept away from the new entrance and a lot of traffic and noise. The group meets immediately after the 10:30 service each Sun to pray for sick friends and relatives or special needs. Anyone is welcome to come any Sun and bring a prayer request or come and intercede for others. One of the things that we've done several times this past year is to end by praying specifically for each person there. We all need prayer and it's a wonderful, peaceful experience. Originating from this group is a 'prayer update' email that reports the progress of people for whom we are praying, and adds new prayer requests that come in. Anyone who would like to be added to this email list should contact Patsy at pcoleman@chem.wayne.edu.

Shepherd Contact List

by Patsy Coleman

During 2007 the Shepherd list for contacting parishioners changed from being phone chain only to being email contacts for about 2/3 of the parishioners. Used primarily to notify the parish of deaths and funeral arrangements, we now have around 200 members who receive the information by email and close to 100 more who get phone calls. This system seems to be working well. We could use some more volunteers to be the 'back-up' calling person. This person would contact the six to eight people on their phone list when the primary calling person was unable to do so. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the church office or Patsy, at 313-673-6202, pcoleman@chem.wayne.edu. Also, if you are not receiving the information by either email or phone, contact the church office and let us know.

Shepherds:

Pat Ald

David Chivas

Joan Harper

Dorothy Howett

Jo Mashour

Loretta Ryder

Betty Rutherford

Lisa Staif

Mary Vitolins

Shirley Worthman

Pauline Wright

Stewardship Committee Report

by Megan P. Norris, Chair

The members of this year's stewardship committee are Robert Brown, David Chivas, Megan Norris, and Pam Wilkins. In addition, Jane Forbes, who is not officially on the committee but has attended meetings as the Chair of the Finance Committee, has been extremely helpful in our stewardship efforts, as have Jan Weir and the office staff and volunteers.

The stewardship campaign began with two outstanding sermons delivered by our interim Rector, Carol Cole Flanagan. We then sent out pledge cards and asked to have them returned by November 18, 2007. This year we tried something new, promising to list all whose cards were received by that date in the Chronicles. This proved to be very successful, as over 40% of all pledges were received immediately, many showing significant increases. The Committee then embarked on a telephone campaign and attempted to call every single person whose pledge card had not yet been received.

To date, we have received 120 pledges totaling \$322,494. Approximately 40 parishioners have not yet turned in their cards. In some cases, we are aware of circumstances which are causing a delay. In other cases, individuals are continuing to pay their pledges regularly at the 2007 rate, although we have not received their cards. In yet other cases, we do not know what is going on. Because the annual budget includes an estimate of pledges and we need to budget responsibly, we really need to know the intentions of the outstanding pledgers. We will be making one more follow-up attempt by sending out one more reminder in the next few weeks.

Once the annual campaign is completed, the Committee will be meeting to discuss stewardship efforts that we can make throughout the year. The Diocese has a number of programs which might be helpful to our congregation. We will be looking for ways to keep all of us thinking about how we can best use all of our gifts when we are not in the immediate fund-raising mindset.

The Sunday Morning Cooks' Ministry 2007

by Josephine Powell

This past year, the breakfast ministry program was cut short because of our construction, and the regular breakfast program did not begin in the fall. **However, the program will re-start on February 3, 2008.**

Usually, most Sunday mornings from the beginning of the church program year in early September until the end of the program year in early June, breakfast is served at Christ Church. From January of this year until the end of May, the cook teams prepared breakfast. Breakfast was prepared and served by a few stalwart, culinary and service- inclined members of Christ Church who cook breakfast for the members and visitors of Christ Church. Usually starting around 7:30 a.m., they prepared a breakfast fare of scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuits. Sometimes, a particular team (Three) even prepared an even more expansive menu. The breakfast coordinators, Lamar Richardson and Josephine Powell did the bulk of the shopping for the breakfasts.

The breakfast ministry is a warm welcome to church members and visitors and offers an opportunity for members to greet each other and spend a little extra time sharing with one another and with our visitors and guests. The program usually breaks even financially as a result of the \$3.00 per individual and \$5.00 dollar per family contribution that is requested. The following volunteer members were part of the Breakfast Cook's Ministry last year.

TEAM 1

Bob Brown
Jo Mashour
Phil Campbell
Doug Esse
Dave Coleman

TEAM 2

Suzanne Henley
Lisa Staif
Merle Watts
Josephine Powell
Phil Brown
OK Bun Hyun

TEAM 3

Letha Ann Steward
Jane Morgan
Lamar Richardson
Betty/Patrick Warner
Gary Macdonald

TEAM 4

Ellen Keyt
Janet Weir
Pam Wilkins
Charles Atwater
Clarke Mason

Ushers

Chris Beck, Scheduler

Christopher Beck
Richard Bisgrove
Claire Brown
Phillip Brown
Phil Campbell
Harold Cherry
David Chivas
Oliver Coleman
Albert Dib
Allan Dib

Doug Esse
Richard Esse
Jim Fleming
Karen Fleming
Steve Hughes
George Johnson
Richard Marr
Alec Mashour
Christine Rogers

Ernestine Rogers
Art Shahly
Marilyn Shahly
Tom Solomon
John Staif
Milli Stennis
Tom Vermeersch
Patrick Warner
Shirley Worthman

Christ Church 2008 Annual Meeting Report --- Volunteers

by Jo Mashour

The year 2007 drew upon volunteer help in every corner of the Christ Church complex. Our Capital Campaign reconfiguration project tasks trickled down from helping design architectural changes to the Murphy Oil cleaning of pews, lecterns and pulpits the day before the grand dedication on December 9.

Traditionally, this report covers volunteers in the office area and it will again at this time. As Volunteer Coordinator, however, it would serve Christ Church well for all to know that there are a multitude of volunteer opportunities to be seized upon and run with: Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, Sunday morning cook team members, Christian Ed. Teachers, to name a few. You need only call the church office at 313-259-6688 or Jo Mashour at 313-886-7692 to “plug in” to any area of volunteerism that appeals to you, and we heartily encourage you to do so.

Once again we extend appreciation to those volunteers who engage in activities relating to what we term “office” duties. Let us thank:

Sunday Collection Counters: Phil Campbell, Doug Esse, Margaret Hammond,
Tom Solomon, Jan Weir

Walk-In Ministry: Evelyn Sanom

Office Volunteers:

Mondays: Jo Mashour, Sally Moore

Tuesdays: Kathryn Ellis, Rosemary Esse

Bulletin Collators & Staplers: Thelma & Magellan McCrary
Shirley Worthman, Pauline Wright

Chronicles: Miriam Costandi, Editor

Margaret Hammond has assumed tasks once performed by Mary Harms. Jan Weir donates many hours to assist in our Bookkeeping postings.

Yes, this has been an unusual year. We’ve moved from offices that we considered “home” to the new grandeur of our stately Sibley House, a move that we’ve adjusted to fairly well and we’re still getting accustomed to wending our way in and out of the various paths, but we’re on our way to being settled and ready to move even farther ahead. We need to know that if and when we need your help you will be there for us. Please come forth and indicate whether we can count on you as a volunteer when a particular need arises. You will feel blessed in doing so.

Walk-In Ministry

by Evelyn Sanom

The Walk-In Ministry saw 366 clients in 2007. Clients are helped to obtain birth certificates, state identification, and special work-related licenses. Some clients need help to purchase uniforms and special shoes. Others are given general clothing referrals.

Bus tickets are provided for work and various appointments. Occasionally, aid is given for rent, utilities and prescriptions.

The Walk-In gives a toiletry bag, containing soap, razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and socks to each client.

2007 Walk-In Ministry Finances

Starting Balance 1/3/07	\$ 1,246.00
Deposits	<u>\$ 9,450.07</u>
Total Income	\$10,696.07
Expenses	
Bus Tickets-DDOT	\$ 2,877.00
Payless Shoes	\$ 591.65
Burrows Inc (toiletries)	\$ 184.10
State of MI (ID)	\$ 1,270.00
Misc. checks to clients (various needs)	<u>\$ 5,684.54</u>
Total Expenses	\$10,607.29
Outstanding Checks (not cashed)	\$ 1,064.96
Final Balance 12/27/07	\$1,153.74

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending December 31, 2007

Annual Meeting
January 27, 2008

As treasurer these past two years I had the good fortune of being able to deposit over a million dollars of your generous contributions to the Capital Campaign into our savings and securities accounts. Until the spring of 2007 all the money has been "in coming." Since then it has been "out going." We are within a few short weeks of paying the final bills for the project on time because;

Vestry committed part of our recent invested bequests to cover the difference between the amount pledged to the Capital Campaign and the project budget amount; and Comerica extended a bridge loan in the amount of \$500,000 based largely on the completion of Capital Campaign pledge payments.

While we have a beautiful new space to use we are reliant on your faithfulness to make this indebtedness as short term as possible.

Taking a look at the financial report for 2007 you will notice that while budgeted expenses stayed relatively stable from 2006 to 2007, considering some of the "one time" expenses we incurred as a result of moving the offices, revenues were down substantially resulting in a larger drain on the endowment. While some of the deficit was due to lower attendance during construction and loss of rental income, the largest factor seems to be that lack of a weekly trip to church meant that some people forgot to pay their pledge.

Because we have drawn so much on the endowment this year and many of our more liquid assets were reduced to pay bills due on both the operating expenses and the building project we need your renewed commitment and ask that we all consider following:

- If you haven't already, consider completing your pledge to the 2007 operating budget while continuing your commitment to the 2008 operating budget.
- Keep your 2008 pledge current. In order to assist you in doing that we will be making direct withdrawal from your account available. Look for the forms in your end of year contribution statement.
- Please keep up the good work of paying your pledge to the Capital Campaign and consider paying it off early so that we can reduce the principal on which we must pay interest.
- If you haven't made a pledge to either the operating budget or the Capital Campaign please do so.
- Many members of Christ Church expressed their faith in the future of our community this year by increasing their pledge. If any of you have had second thoughts we would be glad to accept your increased pledge amounts. It takes all of us to continue this ministry.

As a member of the Search Committee I do want to congratulate you on your expressions of optimism in the future of this congregation. So many of the candidates we have talked to have been impressed by our decision to complete the building project even though we had lost our rector and took this as a sign that we will continue to be a "beacon of hope" in Detroit.

Members of the Finance Committee

Melissa Cragg, Tom Cragg, Jan Weir, Oliver Coleman, Roger Basse, Bob Brown, Megan Norris (as chair of Stewardship) and Jane Forbes, chair.

2007 Excel Spread Sheet

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Lent and Easter 2008

February 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper beginning at 6 pm
February 6	Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon and 6 pm
February 10	First Sunday in Lent – Holy Eucharist at 8:15 and 10:30 am
February 13	Lenten Study Group meets in Carey Lounge every Wednesday in Lent at 6 pm Soup and light supper provided
March 16	The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – Holy Eucharist at 8:15 and 10:30 am with the blessing of the palms and procession to begin Holy Week
March 20	Maundy Thursday – Holy Eucharist at 12:00 and 7:30 pm Lamb Dinner at 6 pm
March 21	Good Friday Liturgy at 12 pm
March 23	The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day – Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11 am
March 24	Easter Week

Officers of Christ Church:

	Home	Work/Cell
Melissa Cragg, Sr. Warden	(313) 822-4743	(248) 415-1445 (313) 530-4864 (cell)
Lamar Richardson, Jr. Warden	(313) 525-5600	(cell)
Jan Weir, Treasurer	(313) 393-8309	
Kathryn Ellis, Secretary	(313) 342-9460	
Josephine Mashour, Vol. Coordinator	(313) 886-7692	

The Christ Church Vestry

Vestry	Term Expiration	Home	Work/Cell
Charles Atwater	(2008)	(248) 661-5686	(248) 252-3622 (cell)
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