

Reports for the Annual Parish Meeting

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"Loving God and Others Through Christ"

Christ Church Evangelism Statement

Mission Statement

Christ Church- Towanda, PA

Christ Church, a Christian community empowered by the Holy Spirit and in unity with Jesus Christ, is a place:

1. ...to be grounded in the Holy Scriptures and God's love in order to develop faith in and love for God, and to develop gifts to do the work of ministry.
2. ...to worship and glorify our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus through Eucharist and other forms of praise and thanksgiving.
3. ...to pray for forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing.
4. ...to be united in fellowship within our church family, joyous in giving, sharing, encouraging, and being compassionate.

With love and faith in God our Father, Christ our Lord and Savior, and energized by the Holy Spirit, we are a church that endeavors to share God's gift of love by:

1. ...evangelizing the good news of Jesus Christ in our community.
2. ...bringing wholeness to the human soul through forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, compassion, and encouragement through the assurance of Jesus Christ's resurrection.
3. ...showing the knowledge of God's compassion through serving the community where social needs are found.
4. ...inviting others to join our Christian community through our involvement in the secular community.

Minutes of Christ Church Annual Meeting
January 17, 2010
168th Annual Meeting
34 Members Present

Marsh Dawsey, Senior Warden, called the meeting to order. Mother Mo offered a prayer. Polly Dawsey was appointed Secretary Protemp.

A call for a motion to accept the January 25, 2009 minutes was answered by Ginnie Schoonover, seconded by Jim Vanderpool. Motion carried.

The rector, our “precious pesky Priest”, commented on her report. It was factual, full of thanks and praise for many faithful members of the congregation and long! It’s length due to a busy year at Christ Church and her members.

The Senior Warden thanked the outgoing members, Ginnie Schoonover, Larry Gehring, Gene Weisbrod of the vestry for their service.

A booklet of the reports of the many ministries of Christ Church was presented to the members present. A motion made by Marguerite Shaner, seconded by Marion Bowker, was made to accept the reports by title. Motion passed.

The vestry project of nave lighting continues with the electrifying of the column candle fixtures. This is now a work in progress. The hope is it will be finished by Easter.

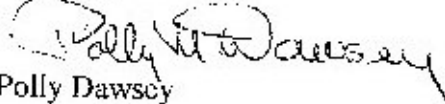
Gene Weisbrod, the treasurer, reported the good news of a balanced budget for 2010. Pledges were up as a result of the “New Consecration Sunday” event; and the generous gifts from 2 parishioners. A new copier was also added to the office. Money was put aside for a professional audit due every 3rd year and last but not least, some funds to upgrade the pay of our wonderful priest was found.

Ginnie Schoonover, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the new slate of suggested 3 year vestry members: Jim Haight, Marg Shaner, and Debi Weisbrod. A motion to close the nominations was made by Brian Daly, seconded by Marion Bowker. Motion passed.

The secretary was instructed to case a unanimous ballot to accept the slate.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Secretary Protemp.


Polly Dawsey

Rector's Annual Parish Report – 2010

Here are the statistics for our past year: 52 Sunday Holy Eucharist Services, 35 anointing/laying on of hands, 100 weekday Holy Eucharist Services, 39 Home/hospital Holy Communion calls, 1 Towanda Personal Care Home Holy Communion Services, 1 TMH - Skilled Nursing Facility Holy Communion Services, 0 Baptisms- 0-Confirmations 2 Marriages- Herbert Waterman Brown III to Rebecca Anne Socha and David Nicholas Ferraro to Kacie Grace Kintner. 9 Funerals – Meryl Vanderpool, Constantine “Gus” Spentzas, William “Billy” Hubbard, Michael Norman Brutzman, Robert L. Goldsmith Jr., J. June Benjamin Corbett, Stacy Jean Marie Bates Roof, Louis L. Adams and Joan “Joanie” Elizabeth Turner.

Before beginning with my Annual Parish Report (statistics not included) you should all know it has been, is and hopefully will be for some time a blessing for me to be here with each of you in this parish. It's also an honor! You are truly a family to me. These past several months have been difficult for many many families and friends. It is extremely obvious that each one does strive to help, care for, encourage, support, have patience and is loving and generous with and for one another. It's been overwhelming with grief for us but also a time for each of us to give and receive strength, comfort and joy. When one of our loved ones died in our parish, immediately, many began to call and offer his or her help. You are a blessing and are gifts from God to one another and me! Praise God for the true Christian love that permeates this congregation! We can and I feel do trust in our Lord, Jesus Christ! I love and appreciate you all. Thank you for being YOU! ☺ (Oh...and.....yes..... I know we are not perfect but we are trying to be about the work that our Most Gracious God has given us to do...loving and being faithful to Him and each other!) ☺

The next phrase is one of my favorites.....“As is our custom” (☺) and it's true.... We all try and help whenever and wherever we are able.....and some more than that!!!! So... it does take many faithful people to help with the building up of a faithful parish family. Annnnnnd we do have many many faithful and dedicated parishioners! (go us!!!) ☺

Our Administrator of Acolytes is Deacon Larry. Deacon Larry has written a report so please be sure to read it. Thank you Deacon Larry for all your effort with our acolytes. Larry does many other ministries as well. And the toughest ministry he has undertaken is his “Puerto Rico” ministry! ☺ I hear he's been suffering through the blue skies and 85-degree weather! We'll be praying for you both..... Larry and Sharon! We do miss you!!!

Our Altar Guild was headed by Polly Dawsey last year. (I do realize this is not part of 2010 annual report but I can't help but mention....very sadly, Polly will be missed and she did an awesome ministry with our Altar Guild....and much much more.....may her soul rest in peace with our Loving God in His Kingdom...we miss you Polly) (Also not a part of the 2010 report but I would like to thank Ginnie Schoonover who has graciously volunteered to be our next Altar Guild President! Thank You Ginnie! You are a treasure and will do an awesome ministry with our Altar Guild too!) The Altar Guild works exceptionally hard each week and **sometimes each day** preparing our Sanctuaries for worship. Doris Lewis is our Nativity Chapel Altar Guild. Doris does an extraordinary ministry with keeping up the chapel and preparing the chapel altar for each service! Thank you tons Doris! ☺ The teams for this past year were: Marg Shaner & Karen Ugliuzza, Sharon Brutzman & Hilary Haight, Polly Dawsey & Melba Vanderlyke, Jon & Doreena Rineer, Ginnie Schoonover & Sue Schoonover and last but not least Cindy Williams & Dr. Kippy Vail. Thank you alllllll for your faithful & needed ministry! ☺

Our Bell Ringer, Hilary Haight, does GREAT! Each week before and after our service she dutifully and faithfully and cheerfully walks up to our belfry to ring our Steeple Bell! It gives many people such a special feeling of God calling them and all of us to worship! Thank you Hilary! ☺

The choir as always has done an excellent job under the faithful and talented direction of Marie Hvezda. Thank you to the choir and to Marie!!! Marie is multi-talented and helps us worship our Lord with an extra-special boost of spirituality.....annnd Marie does this sometimes.... at the spur of the moment!! (depending on if we had an organist or not) A thank you goes to Larry Gehring too! Larry, among other ministries, puts our service music on CD's! We, the vestry, are actively looking for a new organist.....if any one has information about someone available to play our organ please let us know! By the way.....Marie and Connie have another talent. They are great chefs and facilitators! ☺ The Christian fun and fellowship is fantastic during our parish dinners.....and we always have some who attend from other churches in our area. Oooooops I almost forgot to mention the DELICIOUS fooodds! We have such goooood cooks in our parish and also in the parishes who attend our dinners! It's such a blessing to have these get together times! Hooray!or as some may say: S I M P L Y M A R V E L O U S!!! ☺

Would anyone like to volunteer to be our Coffee Hour assignment minister? ☺ The ministry would be calling parishioners to see if they would be willing to provide coffee hour! ☺The goodies can be either cookies and/or crackers & cheese or.... You may go for broke and provide a banquet! ☺ Anyway..... the idea is to have time to snack and visit with our Christ Church family! ☺ Reimbursements are always available!

Marg Shaner volunteered to co-ordinate the LEM's in our parish! LEM stands for our Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Many of our shut-ins have died this past year; including Lou Adams who was our LEM for the Wyalusing Personal Care Home. Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers are still visiting. A BIG Thank You to Marg and our LEM's! ☺ This year I have a different idea for our shut-ins for Easter time! Lynn.....I'll be calling you soon! Plus our Secret Pals are still doing their ministry! ☺ We will need to revamp the list due to the deaths of our shut-ins. May all of their souls rest in peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Wardens and Vestry have also done a Fantastic job during this past year.....or should I be saying....have done a Fantastic*ministry*.....?!!! Being on the vestry and/or a warden requires a lot of their time, patience, work, interest and energy. Plus a willingness to share personal opinions then welcome and value the opinions of others is needed. There are **many opportunities for ministry** in our parish, volunteering to be on the Vestry is one. The Vestry has been faithful and our church building is looking wonderful! A BIG Thank You goes to: Jim Vanderpool, Larry Gehring, Lee Baker, Marian Bowker, Mary Jane Roof, David VanDerlyke, Jimmy Haight, Marg Shaner and Debi Weisbrod. Another BIG Thank You goes to Marshall Dawsey and Lee Baker for being our Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively. You have served God and our parish extremely well! Awesome job! Another special task/ministry is our Clerk of the Vestry. A HUGE Thank You goes to Ginnie Schoonover who has done our vestry minutes for many years! In truth it takes patience, time and effort!!! Ginnie does a GREAT job!!!

We also have a new ministry this year! Jo Burke has volunteered to be our Kitchen Supply Minister! ☺ Thank You Jo! Jo comes in weekly and takes an inventory of our kitchen supplies. Then she provides Amy with a list of our needs. Amy then puts a notice in our bulletin. Many times parishioners donate the needed kitchen items. Thank you to Jo and those who give....and Amy too! ☺ This is a very helpful ministry!

We have many treasures and blessings in our parish family! Praise the Lord! And another is our Superintendent of our Sunday School.....Debi Weisbrod! Thank you!!! And Debi is our only Sunday School Teacher..... but thank God we do have Dr. Kippy Vail, Blythe Hart and Maurine Gehring who are our substitutes! Praise God for our subs! Let's remember it **is our** Christian responsibility to nurture and instruct all of our children, by our word and example, of the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. They (and we) have an extremely important ministry. They teach our children in the parish about faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's support our teacher, substitutes, parents and children. A Special Thank You goes to Emma Vail, who wrote a very special Christmas Eve service play. It was Wonderful! Thank you Emma! Also, thank you to the teachers, students, parents and others who helped put on her production! Hooray! It is such an inspiration when our children, like Emma, take the time to present something special to our congregation.

We are also blessed by having an OUTSTANDING Treasurer.....who is a Treasure in and of himself! ☺ Gene Weisbrod does an incredible job/ministry. Thank you!!!!!! ☺ Praise God!!! This year Gene needs to share some intricate financial information. We all need to listen and try our best to support him, our parish and each other through this difficult time. Gene presents the vestry with a monthly report during each vestry meeting. He pays our bills and keeps track of all our accounts.....and much much more!

The Wonder Group is a WONDER!!! They have donated, through the giving of their time, work and monies, the new tables and chairs in our Parish Hall, the new organist surplice, and our new kitchen floor! WOW the Wonder Group has been busy! ☺ Their faithfulness not only this past year but for many many years has been a true Christian gift to all. God bless and thank you all! Doris Lewis is the new Wonder Group Treasurer and is doing an expert job! Thank You Doris!!!! ☺

I would like to thank all who have pledged and or given during this past year, especially to those who have given to our Kajo Keji project, our food pantry (which has been helpful to the needy), the church's Discretionary Account, TACO, a special collection for The Grace Connection, the United Thank Offering, our Riverfest Booth, (which was an excellent evangelism tool and fun too! Thank you Julie!) Children and Youth Services need of cleaning and laundry products, a food drop off box for the Ronald McDonald House, our Adopt a Family for Christmas project in Advent through The Grace Connection, and our Easter Basket for our Shut-ins. Plus alllllll the generous donations to the natural disaster victims in our USA and in the world especially the Haitians. God doesn't miss a thing! Remember what Jesus said.....Whatever we do to the least of the brethren that we do to Him!!!

Once again, Barbara Sowinski has given our parish another very generous gift. Thank you Barbara for your generosity and all you do for our parish!!! ☺ There will be more information to come with regards to the use of her gift. Hooray! Did you know Barbara made it possible for our parish to electrify the original gaslights around our pillars? They look awesome! ☺

Donna Darrow, Marg Shaner & Doris Lewis are still working diligently with our card ministry. Thank you Donna, Marg and Doris!!! Rita Nelson has moved to Berwick so she is unable to help with our card ministry any longer. We miss you Rita!!! We will continue to work together and spread our love, concern, prayers and friendship by sending these special cards! If you know of anyone who needs a card during the next year either contact Donna, Marg, Doris or Mother Mo. A special Thank You goes to Doris Lewis who FAITHFULLY sends out all of our Memorial Acknowledgments!!!

Thank You's also go to.....our accurate counters as well. The counters, this past year, were: Connie Burruss, Polly and Marshall Dawsey, Doris Lewis, Wayne Thomas, Jim Vanderpool and Marie Hvezda. Marie additionally schedules the counters and is our pledge recorder. Thank you Marie for all you do! If you want envelopes see Marie! ☺

Next is our Usher Captain: Wayne Thomas! He has done a magnificent job-scheduling ushers for our church services!!! Thank you Wayne! Being an usher is truly an important ministry!!! Ushers greet and welcome all our parishioners, visitors and hopeful NEW parishioners!!! Evangelism is needed and is what Jesus requires from us!!! Ushering is an evangelistic ministry! We also have pamphlets to hand out to visitors and new parishioners. Wayne calls people to volunteer with persistence, cheerfulness and a bit of evangelism himself!!! He is faithful to our Lord, this parish and each one of us individually! ☺ (and as Ruth Buzzi used to say.....and THAT'S THE TRUTH!!!) ☺ When Wayne calls YOU pleeeeee say YES! ☺ Thank you to Wayne and allllllllllllllll who have ushered!

Our flower ministry is extremely important too! Lynn Daly is our florist and does a BEAUTIFUL job; plus she donates all of the bouquets on the tables! Oh and Lynn donates all of the lovely tablecloths!!! Thank you Lynn!!! Marg Shaner does most of our Altar Flower ministry but is helped sometimes by Sharon Brutzman, Ginnie Schoonover and Barbara Sowinski (and maybe a few others whom I'm not remembering...my apologies to you). After our Holy Communion service is over they find out who might need some cheering up and then prepare the flowers and deliver them too! It's such a kind and generous ministry! Thank you very much!!!

Brian Daly is our Sexton but...he also does many other ministries too! Please see his report re: The United Thank Offering. Brian has also chanted the psalms for us during certain church seasons. He does a GREAT job! Thank You Brian!!! ☺ Brian always asks me to share anyone's ideas re: the upkeep of our building. It's a massive building! Any extra help is always welcomed! Another special task that Brian has done for a few years is the "Special Music" before our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve! He co-ordinates all the music and volunteers!!! Thank you Brian for all you do! And Thank You to Connie, Marie, Ron, Maurine, Larry, Jasmine & Brian for singing! (I hope I didn't leave anyone out.....I'm sorry if I did!)

Our Verger and Webmaster is Larry Gehring. He does outstanding work with both of these ministries....oh and his CD music ministry on Sundays too! ☺ Thank You Larry! By the way pleeeeee check out our website!!! It's TERRIFIC!!! He updates it allllll the time! Here it is: www.christchurchtowanda.org Maurine Gehring, Larry's wife, also helps Larry and us when Larry is being a server and is not able to work the CD player! Thank you Maurine! ☺ You are very appreciated!

Last but DEFINITELY not least....is our Parish Secretary Amy McDonald! ☺ Amy does an absolutely amazing job!!! She is such a delight and joy to work with! If I were to list all Amy does and all she gives and all she is as a daughter of God....it would take another page or two.....and I'm not exaggerating!!! ☺ Thank you Amy for being you! ☺

If **YOU** are interested in any of our ministries **pleeeeee** let me know! (Lay Eucharistic Ministers, cards, flowers, readers, chalice bearers, servers, acolytes, crucifers, vestry, altar guild, ushering, teacher, choir, coffee hour host/hostess, prayer chain, Christmas decorators and taker downers, ☺ and lots more) and if I have forgotten any ministry or to thank anyone I am truly truly sorry but we have so many helpers and things to do.....I can't keep it straight!! (senility has set in) ☺

So let's end with this special prayer and blessing:

A Prayer attributed to Saint Francis

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal life. Amen.

“The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

Submitted with much respect, appreciation and love,

Maureen AtLee Hipple, Rector

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT FOR 2010 ACTIVITIES @ CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DEACON LARRY HOLMAN

I enjoyed participating in the activities of Christ Church. My absences were from 3 trips: 10 weeks, 3 weeks, and 1 week, leading to:

UPSTAIRS SERVICES: 38 Sunday + 3 weekdays

DEACON'S MASSES = 6

Tuesday = 5

Sunday = 4

Troy = 2

OTHER SUNDAY PREACHING = 3

FUNERALS & BAPTISMS : Assisted at several, mostly funerals

VESTRY MEETINGS = 6

AREA CLERGY BIBLE STUDY: w/BISHOP = 4

DIOCESE

Chrism Mass @ Cathedral

Clergy Day meetings = 3, including 2-day retreat

Convention @ Cathedral

Met as member of New Hope Project Award Committee

Attended Clergy-Spouse meeting

Taught half-day session at Bishop's School in Hazleton

TORCH BEARERS, CRUCIFERS, SERVERS & CHALICE BEARERS

Issued 4 quarterly schedules with follow up.

Gained 3, lost 2 – could always use more.

Scheduled 1 Torch Bearer in July & August: worked OK

Usher Captain Report for 2010

We had Meeters and Greeters for every time they were needed for the year 2010, thanks to the following people: John, Sue, John V and Justin Schoonover; Jim & Hilary Haight; Bruce, Fran, Melina, Jonathan and Kelly Hoffman; Doris Lewis; Barbara Sowinski; Art and Fred Johnson; Bill & Marian Bowker; Paulette & Lowell Patton; Jon, Beth, Lindsay and Elesha Schulze; Bill Kovalcin; Julie & Gary Paddock family; Robin & Dia Turner; Gret, Cindy, Trevor & Taylor Williams; Emma, Sean, Kippy & Mark Vail; Ron & Marie Hvezda; Brian Daly; Sharon Brutzman; Lou Phillipi; Marg Shaner.

Thanks for you all. Also, I'm sorry if I have missed anyone.

You can be sure to hear from me again this year unless you want to make it easy on me and sign the Usher Schedule in advance.

Thank you each for your cooperation.

With Love and Appreciation:
Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Thomas

2010 Junior Warden' s Report

CHURCH BUILDING

- New lighting which was fabricated by Artech and installed by Gene Helmuth. This was done around the posts in the Nave. Barbara Sowinski was a major benefactor.
- Other electrical work done by Gene Helmuth.
- Installation of an elevator was turned down. Larson Design came up with a very good design but it was rejected due to the bulk of it and interference with church design and the high cost.
- Roof leaks on the south side were repaired by Joe Hipple.
- The north wall of the Nave still has water streaks - possibly due to the roof - will have someone look to see if we need to replace the whole roof.
- The furnace bugs have been worked out by Schoonovers - condensate piping will be replaced in 2011.
- Radiator repairs were done by Larry Gehring.
- A cleaning work bee was held in the Nave.
- The basement was partially cleaned.
- New computers were purchased for Mother Mo and Amy, installed by Larry Gehring.
- New tables and chairs were furnished for the parish hall through donations and the Wonder Group, picked up and delivered by Debi and Gene Weisbrod.
- New flooring in the kitchen installed by G&H Flooring, funded by the Wonder Group.

RECTORY

- Old tenants moved out October 31, new tenants moved in by the middle of November.
- Toilet was replaced by Larry Gehring.
- Shower repairs were done by Joe Hipple
- Carpets cleaned by Bill' s Carpet Cleaning of Sayre.
- Gutters were cleaned by Gutter Pros.
- Ehrlich Pest Control treated house for ants, spiders & rodents.

GROUNDS

- Outside electrical box repaired by Towanda Boro (part of the Mix Run project)
- Railing cleaned and painted by Larry Gehring (very labor intensive); welding repairs done by Jim Haight.
- Plexiglass window replaced over downstairs entrance.
- Leroy Hawley has done the lawn in summer and cleared sidewalks in winter - very good job by Leroy.

Thanks for all volunteers who have done all the different odd jobs. Thanks also to our sexton, Brian Daly, who did many of the odd jobs.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Baker, Junior Warden

Church School Annual Report

Sunday School dismissed for the summer on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010.

The Sunday School year 2010-2011 started on Sunday, September 19th. We continue to have our class during the first part of the church service and the children return during the exchange of peace for Holy Communion. This seems to work out well. We have one class for all children from Pre-school thru 6th grade. While this is quite a challenge for the teacher, it is our best option at this time taking into consideration the number of children that attend and the limited number of people that are able to help. I (Debi Weisbrod) am the primary teacher with Kippy Vail and Fran Hoffman as current substitutes. We have a steady attendance of 4-5 children, but on a really good Sunday, can have as many as 8-10. Thank you Kippy and Fran for your willingness to help out!

The annual children's service on Christmas Eve was held at 4:00 p.m. Parishioners were treated to a puppet show entitled "Christmas For the Birds" that was presented by the Sunday School children. The puppet play was written by our student, Emma Vail. She also made all the puppets for the show. She is one talented 4th grade student! Thank you Emma! And thank you also to our hard working Director, Kippy Vail.

The Sunday School also continues to support the children of Kajo Keji with their can collection and have raised over \$100 this year!

We may be small in number, but we are truly blessed to have these great kids. We applaud their parent(s) for their commitment in bringing their children to Sunday School, and also the children who are here to learn God's word. Many thanks to Mother Mo for her support and special way of making everyone feel welcome. God Bless!

Respectfully submitted,
Debi Weisbrod, Sunday School Superintendent

Treasurer's Report -- The state of our finances

For the third year in a row, and as planned, we balanced our budget. Although not planned, income was more than projected due to the strength of your giving as pledges came in \$ 2000 higher than forecast. No treasurer can ask for more, and it made both my job and the financial decisions of the vestry easy.

Some very good news is that we are again able to project a balanced budget for 2011. This is in spite of the fact that the 3-year moving average value of our endowment value is again declining due to the financial meltdown of 2008 - 2009. Overall, the reduction in income forecast for 2011 amounts to \$4200. The only reason that we are able to maintain our balanced budget is due to the higher income we are receiving from trusts (a new trust was left to the church) and higher rents paid for the rectory (new tenants were found in only 2 weeks).

As I mention every year, one of our major expenses is the salary and benefits package for our wonderful priest. We were able to provide an increase of \$ 2000 this year, as well as provide small increases to the secretary and sexton. We have also slightly increased our outreach budget. We are using a small surplus from this year's budget to pay for our delayed church audit. I hope you agree that we are putting your pledges to good use.

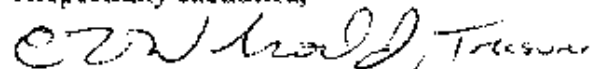
We have also worked very hard to utilize our investments wisely to maintain our wonderful church building. This year we invested over \$ 25,000 for a new furnace and \$ 600 for new computers. We are investigating the possibility of adding a handicapped accessible entrance to the main floor of the church as well.

We know that, in the near future, we are going to need a roof. I'm sure many of you have seen the discoloration of the recent paint caused by an unusually forceful rainstorm earlier this year. We are also aware that our sidewalks on Mix Avenue need to be replaced. We will soon be kicking off our capital improvement process where we ask for your thoughts on what capital improvements you want to see. Please give the vestry members your feedback.

As your treasurer, I thank you for your support. Our monthly financial records are posted on the bulletin board following each vestry meeting, and I welcome your input on financial matters.

As a final note, I must warn that the financial decisions for 2012 will be more difficult. The 3-year moving average value of the DIT will again decline, as will our DIT payout. We either need to make up the difference with higher giving, reduce spending with budget cuts, or run a financial deficit. The 2011 vestry members will have a difficult budgeting process when planning the 2012 budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugene W. Weisbrod, Jr. Treasurer

REPORT OF WONDER GROUP FOR 2010

Bank balance end of 2009		\$4,089.04
Deposits 2010		
Bazaar	\$1,397.00	
Votive Candles	328.68	
Ck. D. Lewis	2.50	
Chairs	1,200.00	
	TOTAL	2,928.78
Expenses for 2010		
Grace Connection	(500.00)	
Organist Gown	(74.95)	
Guild Candles	(109.24)	
D. Weisbrod Chairs and tables	(1,674.82)	
Bad check plus bank charge	(16.00)	
G&H Flooring	(2,200.00)	
M. Hipple Discretionary Fund	(500.00)	
	TOTAL	(5,075.01)
Bank Balance as of 12-31-09		----- 1,942.81 =====

The Wonder Group would like to thank everyone for a successful year.

Respectfully Submitted by
Doris Lewis,
Treasurer



The United Thank Offering

Remember those Blue Boxes? Our United Thank Offering Ingathering was held on Sunday, October 3. You were invited to 'count your blessings'—those coins you have put in the Blue Box in thanksgiving for large and small daily gifts from God that brighten your life and the lives of those around you.

As a parish I am pleased to say that we raised \$423.16 in funds, THREE times our last year's gift!!.

The MISSION of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people by encouraging daily prayers – combined with offerings – to show awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. The CONCEPT that UTO is not a fund drive, but rather a discipline in our daily life in Christ wherein we offer prayers of thanksgiving for our countless blessings, helps make giving a joyful experience!!!

The power of the Blue Box is unlimited! It is the best opportunity many of us will ever have to participate in the hands-on work that is so necessary and possible with these gifts. Your prayers and offerings will:

- ✦ Build churches and schools
- ✦ Make needed renovations
- ✦ Feed the hungry
- ✦ Provide care and support for those with physical, mental and emotional challenges

SAVE THE DATE: This year's initial ingather will be MAY 15, 2011!! We should be proud of our gifts but even more so – thank you all your generous giving!

Submitted by
Brian R. Daly
Parish UTO Representative