

The mission of Christ Church is to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.

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2011 Committee Reports



**Christ Episcopal Church
33 East First Street
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ACOLYTE CORPS

The role of the acolyte at Christ Episcopal Church is to serve and to assist the clergy and any other participant in the service. An acolyte quietly leads in his or her role as an important part of the church service. All on the Acolyte team are to be thanked and congratulated for their continued service to our church. We are thankful to have Father Charlie leading our congregation and look to a long relationship between all of us.

We have wonderful young people on our Acolyte Team. We started with 14 members and have ended with 11 members. Acolyte training is offered at any time during the year. Howard Farnsworth has the privilege of training all new acolytes. The Acolyte Handbook remains in revision and will be available to all acolytes.

In recognition for their commitment, Acolytes who have completed one full year of service are awarded an olive cross with their initials inscribed. Both Amanda and Danielle Cohen earned their olive cross this past June. A leader Acolyte who has served throughout their senior year is awarded a silver cross with their name engraved. Jacob Ellison was awarded a silver cross in June. We wish him our best as he enters his next stage in life.

Members of the Acolyte team communicated effectively with the Rector and Acolyte Coach. Acolytes serve at the 10:00 am service every Sunday, 9:00 am service every summer Sunday and at all special services. Schedules are published three times a year.

Anyone who has reached their 10th birthday as of April 1st is invited and encouraged to join this ministry. Current members include: Sarah Franklin, Will Tomlinson, Michael Reed, Cole Rogoski, Peter and Molly Behan, Ben Whedon, Jack and Mason Galvin, Amanda and Danielle Cohen.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Reed

ALTAR GUILD

The purpose of Altar Guild at Christ Church is to assist in the preparation of all services of worship. The requirements are not difficult and working with the Guild is a wonderful way to learn about the history and traditions of Christ Church. The Guild is made up of four teams, each of which is responsible for preparing the Altar for any service (wedding, funeral, holidays, Tuesday and Sunday worship) during their assigned week. The activities of the Guild are under the direction of the Rector and Director(s).

Altar Guild members for 2011 were: Hermine Shapiro(Captain), Cindy Maier, Sara Altmansberger, Linda Whitney, Gail O'Neill-Merchant, Jeanne Grant, Nancy Grant, Martha Tober (Captain), Meg Scheidweiler, Peg Morey, Mary Volpe, Penny O'Sullivan, Paula Gullo (Captain), Jo Ann Cole, Marcia Adamy and Susan Boland. We were very excited to welcome back Verna Freer. Verna had been a member of the Altar Guild several years ago.

We are looking forward to exciting New Year and working with our new Rector, Father Charlie.

The Guild would also like to express our thanks to Deb for all she does for us and to Craig for all the extras he does also.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Gullo & Martha Tober
Co-Directors

ARCHIVES

The Archives Committee has several functions:

- To collect, research and protect records, documents, photographs and other valuable artifacts concerning the history of Christ Church;
- To file these collections in a meaningful way for future study;
- To make records available for the purpose of research, especially family records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, membership, death and burial.

Projects worked on in 2011:

- Sorting and filing for all categories of church activities.
- Maintaining the news and photo bulletin boards in the Education Building hallway.
- Copying on acid-free paper all newspaper articles of lasting interest to the parish.
- Preparing "Peeks at the Past" article for Comment each month.
- Answering requests of a genealogical nature.
- Sorting and filing photographs, videos, CD's, etc.
- Culling and shredding outdated file contents and financial information.
- Memorials Files continue to be updated.

All of the above-listed projects will continue in 2012.

A copy of the beautiful book, The Mosaics of Louis Comfort Tiffany, authored by Edith Crouch and containing important information on the Tiffany Mosaic in the chapel is permanently displayed in the library section of Houghton Lounge.

The research of Sturges Cary on the history, people and events of the church continues to be invaluable.

Committee member, Jan Farnsworth, has worked this year on sorting and protecting photos in acid-free envelopes and helping with the hallway bulletin board displays. Martha Tober has also participated with various projects.

The committee meets on an irregular weekly basis, and many projects can be worked on independently.

If you have an interest in the history of Christ Church and in keeping its records in good order, please accept this invitation to join the Archives Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Doutt

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Committee's Purpose: To complete the requirements set forth by the Episcopal Diocese to review and assess the overall state of the financial operations, policies and processes at Christ Church; and to look for areas of improvement, clarification, and standardization and to recommend possible solutions.

Members: Daniel Minster, Linda Whitney and Charles Wilcox

Results for FY 2010:

The Committee conducted a shortened form of an audit as required for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.

Recommendations from the prior years' audit were reviewed and it was found that all of the 2009 recommendations had been properly implanted.

The 2010 audit was successfully completed without the need for any further concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Minster, Chairman

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Committee Members:

Scott McCarthy	Andrea Bookbinder
Bill Davis	Rich Murray
Jason Howles	Cliff Ellison
Howard Farnsworth	Gary Herrlich

Mission:

Conduct responsible stewardship of our physical plant and assets through careful oversight of their maintenance, repair, and improvements.

2011 Highlights:

- A significant preventive maintenance project was completed by the Evans Roofing Co. to replace the copper flashing surrounding the 8 dormers which line the east and west sides of the roof near the peak. Excellent cooperation between Christ Church, Day Care Center, and Evans teams resulted in minimal disruption to Day Care Center operations.
- Two major repairs to the boiler system were completed. In early 2011 the main burner assembly for one of the boilers was replaced and cured a long standing reliability issue. In late 2011 one of our two boiler recirculation pump/motor assemblies was replaced.
- The kitchen in the lower level of the Parish Hall was upgraded via replacement of the industrial gas range and dishwasher appliances.
- The phone system was upgraded for improved reliability and functionality.
- Significant upgrades were made to the facility electrical system to add capacity to outdated breaker boxes and bring outlets up to current codes.

2012 Plans:

- Explore alternative funding vehicles for major repair and projects.
- Improve spending budgeting and forecasting via development of a five year plan.
- Continue preventive maintenance repairs on degraded plaster structures.
- Re-initiate discussion of the replacement of degraded external protective covers on stained glass.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to the B&G Committee for the time and concern they bring to the stewardship of our church and also to the many volunteers from the congregation who contribute their time and skills to the upkeep and upgrade of our facilities. You are crucial to our overall maintenance program.

And, in particular, thanks to our Sexton, Graig Smith, who continues to do an outstanding job with the everyday repairs and upkeep, as well as handling many of the more involved initiatives as well. Except as otherwise noted above, the majority of the improvements above were handled by Graig. He keeps the facility in a condition in which we can all take pride! Also special thanks to Lee Kent for donating his time and skills to work with Graig on many of the more involved "internal" projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott McCarthy, Chairman

CHOIR

During the four months I have been organist and choirmaster (August–December 2011), the choir has shown some development in size as well as in singing quality. I have gratitude for the committed choir members who have participated during this time: Sharon Campbell, Susan Boland, Bob Cole, Evelyn DeLiso, Rich Grzybowski, Lizz Jones, Scott McCarthy, Neal Pritchard, Delight Scouten, Jane Spillman, and Betsy Whedon.

The choir resumed leading the singing of psalms on November 27th, 2011 (1st Sunday of Advent) with the start of the new liturgical year. On December 18th, with Rev. Charlie Tyo, some of our choir members and congregation enjoyed singing Christmas carols at Meads Creek Intermediate Care Facility Residence in Painted Post. The cheerful singing was much appreciated by the audience, and many of us left with great fulfillment for serving for the community and sharing the joy of music outside CEC. For Christmas Eve, Family Choir participated during the 4 pm service under the direction of Delight Scouten. For the 11 o'clock service, the choir presented a half hour pre-service music program with the help and participation of the Handbell Choir under the direction of Patty Campbell, with Eric Hummel and Alexandra Payton, guest trumpet players from Ithaca. For this special service, we had additional singers brought in by the choir members, i.e. Laura Battersby (Sharon Campbell's daughter) whose solo opened the 11 o'clock service with "Once in Royal David's City," Marco and Max DeLiso (Evelyn DeLiso's sons) the latter having sung the solo for "In the bleak mid-winter," and Kelly Seymour whose solo was heard in "Sussex carol" and who sang the duet with her father Scott McCarthy for "There is no rose of such virtue." All the members of the choir and the congregation seemed to have enjoyed the special service full of wonderful music!

The year 2012 began with Lessons and Carols on January 1st with the singing of hymns and anthems. We plan to work on much more of the great choral repertoire found in the CEC music library. It is my sincere hope that the choir will continue to develop in quality and increase in membership in the near future. In order to achieve the goal I would be grateful for participants' continuous and respectful commitment to attend rehearsals and invest modest individual preparation during the week. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and sings for the 10 a.m. services. Please join us, if you are interested in sharing your talents to enrich the musical life at CEC!

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Mariko Morita

FAMILY CHOIR

The Family Choir is an intergenerational choir at Christ Church. Our goals are to praise God, to help lead congregational worship, to provide our children with a welcoming church choir experience, and to encourage intergenerational music-making and fun.

In 2011, the Family Choir rehearsed in the spring and fall, with breaks over the summer and after Christmas. We sang quite a full program, including music for special days and seasons such as Lent, Easter, All-Saints' Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas Eve. We especially appreciate the guest musicians who helped make our music extra special: Sue Boland, recorder, and Sharon Campbell, hand bells.

We were glad to welcome new members during the year. Thanks to all the children, parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends who participated! You are amazing—so good at learning music and remembering words.

It is wonderful to see so many families with young children in the congregation these days. Please join us in singing! We practice during the Coffee Hour, only about 10 minutes on a Sunday, after we have a few moments to get our snacks.

We have a good selection of music chosen for the next few months. Rehearsals resume Sunday, February 5. See you soon!

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Scouten
Delight Scouten

HANDBELL CHOIR

Members: Leslie Bayer, Dorothy Behan, JoAnne Bernhardt, Patty Campbell, Sharon Campbell, Mary Franklin, Susan Peck, and Jane Spillman

The bell choir is a music ministry—we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! We typically rehearse once a week on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals serve as a time for fellowship as well as an opportunity to learn the music.

After a one-year hiatus, the bell choir regrouped again in November 2011. Under the direction of Patty Campbell, the group performed at Vitrix Hot Glass Studio on December 3 as part of Corning's Sparkle of Christmas and again as part of the prelude music for the Christmas Eve Service. The choir was pleased to be able to play the bells that had recently been cleaned and repaired by Jeffers Hand bell Supply in South Carolina.

The group has just started learning new music to present to the congregation during services in the first half of 2012 and hope to continue with our Christmas traditions. Right now, only two of the three octaves of handbells that the church owns are being utilized. We'd be very happy to have three to four more ringers.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Campbell

CHRISTIAN FORMATION-YOUTH COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Candice Hill, Doris Roy, Anne Galvin, Andrea Cohen, Amanda Mase, Allison Zimmermann, Howard Farnsworth, Shane Craig.

Purpose: The purpose of the committee is to provide a Christian education program that is engaging, inspiring and motivates our youth & children to attend church regularly. This includes overseeing the Sunday school, Youth Group, special events such as the Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, King Cake celebration and other programs involving the children and youth of the church. It is our task to help educate the youngest members of our congregation in the ways of the Episcopal Church and help guide their spiritual growth.

Highlights of 2011: The 2010-11 Sunday school session was completed back in June 2011. As always we ended our session with a Sunday school "Sundae Celebration" which is shared with the entire congregation during coffee hour. Over the summer we held two gatherings for our youth & children at Hodgeman Park in Painted Post. Summer is a busy time of year for all of us and we were very pleased to have several of our families join us for this social event.

As many of you know, our parish made a commitment to sponsor 50 children through "The Carpenter's Kids Program." This program is a partnership between the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika and the Episcopal Diocese of New York to provide support for HIV/AIDS Orphans in Central Tanzania. The youth & children of our parish took a lead role in the kick-off of our fundraising efforts for this program. On Palm Sunday, with a little help from parent volunteers, they hosted a Sunday morning breakfast for the entire parish. The membership was very responsive and supportive to our kid's efforts and the attendance was impressive. As a result of the breakfast the kids were able to raise enough money to sponsor 5 children through "The Carpenter's Kids Program."

The 2011-12 Sunday school program started back up again in September 2011. Continuing to hold our weekly Sunday school classes from 9:00-9:45am has continued to allow children from both 8 & 10am service to participate together. Additionally, as we had hoped, the earlier start time has eliminated any programming conflicts for our students and our volunteers who are teaching the classes. We are excited to report that we have had several new persons volunteer to teach classes this year including, Penny O'Sullivan, Dan & Andrea Cohen and Sarah Smith. The committee continues to provide breakfast items on Sunday mornings when classes are in session starting at 8:30am.

Again this year we called upon the congregation to help at Easter by asking them to fill the Easter eggs used for the children's Easter egg hunt on

Easter morning. As always the response from our membership was overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

For the first time this year we had one of our youth, Amanda Cohen, attend Diocesan Convention as part of the "Youth at Convention" event. We are hopeful that Amanda's positive experience will encourage more of our youth to attend future Diocesan events for youth. Shane Craig who is the District Youth missionary for our district has already planned several events. Please keep an eye out for his announcements.

Goals for 2011: The committee is continuing our efforts to grow our Sunday school and Youth Group programs and to become more involved in Children & Youth programs throughout our Diocese. We are in the process of planning another fundraising breakfast to again benefit "The Carpenter's Kids" program. We will once again hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt and year-end "Sundae Celebration".

The committee would like to give a special thank you for the special gifts they share with our youth & children to all of our Sunday school teachers including, Martha Tober, Paula Gullo, Amanda Mase, Allison Zimmerman, Kim Shaffer, Dan & Andrea Cohen, Penny O'Sullivan, Jan Farnsworth and Sarah Smith. Additionally, we want to thank the members of this congregation their continued support of our programming and the youth & children of this parish.

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Hill

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee members: Amy Rogoski, Gene Saunders, Whit Smith,
Deb Townsend

The Christ Church Communications Committee's primary function is to increase awareness within the congregation and in the larger community of Christ Church and its mission, programs and activities. To that end, we accomplished the following in 2010:

- Maintained the website (www.christepiscopalcorning.com) with regular updates. This included the following:
 - Regular Postings: Weekly Update, *Comment* newsletter, monthly calendar, search process updates
 - Other: updated worship schedule, posted photos, added mission grant recipient testimonials, added book study information, etc.
- Redesigned *Comment* newsletter layout and continued electronic distribution of the publication
- Published new general purpose brochure
- Developed and published ads in the Corning *Leader* to promote Easter/Holy Week services, Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas worship services
- Developed an ad for Donna's and The Central restaurant placemats
- Joined the Chamber of Commerce; provided information regarding Christ Church for their online events calendar
- Supported the rector search process by developed regular updates for the website and *Comment*

The committee will convene in February 2011 to set communications goals and objectives for the new year.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Rogoski

FINANCE

Committee Purpose: Provide oversight for church financial resources.

Members: Steve Tomlinson, Endowment Mgr. Jane Spillman
Barbara Cook, Treasurer Whit Smith
Peter Maier, Chairperson Dan Minster, Warden
The Rev. Charles Tyo, Rector Gene Saunders, Warden

Bob Bayer retired in May. Linda Whitney retired in December. We appreciate their skill and efforts. The Rev. Ella Breckenridge left the committee in May.

Committee activity – highlights in 2010:

1. **Christ Church Operating Results** – Operating results were a deficit of (\$51,542). Total Pledge payments were \$223,876; total income was \$301,564. Total Administrative support and Insurance expenses were \$193,377; Missions costs were \$72,928 (including \$52,560 to Rochester Diocese); total expenses were \$353,106.
2. **The Endowment and Reserve Funds** – we experienced a net loss of \$6K in the market value of the Christ Church portfolio. Net withdrawals of \$209K were necessary to support both operating needs and capital improvements. The total of Endowment Funds ended at \$1,061,624, down (\$216K) over the year.
3. **Annual Audit** – the church audit committee completed its audit of 2010 with no exceptions noted. There were minor recommendations for improving administrative practices which have all been implemented. We are grateful for the work of Linda Whitney, Charles Wilcox and Dan Minster for their audit work. We thank them.
4. **Budget 2012** – the trend established in 2008 and enlarged in 2010 and 2011 is again presented to us in 2012: a budgeted Operating deficit of (\$63,117). Ordinary expenses continue to rise very modestly, while pledge and other revenues continue to decrease. Christ Church must confront this pattern for the future!

Goals for 2012:

1. Sustain satisfactory oversight and leadership for church financial resources – both Operating and Endowment.
2. Obtain audit by the Diocese for the transition year of 2011 and continue careful adherence to good control and operating practices.
3. Consider opportunities for updating procedures and systems.
4. Pursue opportunities to grow the Endowment to sustain the facilities of our church.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter K. Maier, Chairperson

HOME DEVOTIONS

HOME DEVOTIONS is a weekly mailing to our homebound members, a reminder that Christ Church is a family whose members care for one another. Each letter includes scripture lessons for the week, a meditation, prayer and personal messages from parishioners.

HOME DEVOTIONS began here in 2005 as a memorial gift from the Woodbury family honoring the life of Richard Woodbury. Members of the committee who help with this mission are: Paula Gullo, Pam Hertl, Craig and myself. Postage is a line item in the annual church budget.

We are especially grateful to Deb Townsend, our church administrator, whose organizational skills and dedication contribute so much to our ministry.

We've been told how much the recipients of these letters look forward to reading them especially the personal messages added by members of our parish.

Currently we have nine (9) parishioners receiving them on a regular basis; as well as two (2) parishioners once a month. Four (4) parishioners have died in 2011 that had received regular mailings. A total of five (5) members of our parish received the Home Devotions during 2011.

Extra copies of Home Devotions are always available at the back of the church for those who wish to read and share its messages with others.

ANY PARISHIONER OR VISITOR may sign the Home Devotions. They are located in the Houghton Lounge can be signed on Sundays as well as during the week when Houghton Lounge is opened. We thank all of you who have signed them in 2011.

The Card Ministry which began in 2008 has continued this year as a separate part of Home Devotions. Pamela Hertl sends cards monthly (as directed by the Church Office) for special birthdays, illnesses, and bereavement and thank you notes. Cards are used from those donated by the parish. Occasionally someone donates stamps or money to purchase a few, but overall the major expense to the card ministry is covered by Pam. A BIG thanks to Pam, for your commitment to this ministry and for sending 117 cards to our parish family in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Scheidweiler

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Lay Eucharistic Ministers at Christ Church serve in a dual capacity -- proclaiming the Word as lectors (an ancient ministry with roots deep in church history), and administering the Cup as chalice bearers, a role for which they are licensed by the bishop.

They perform their functions at all regular Sunday services, as well as at special services throughout the year.

Sharon Campbell, a lay eucharistic minister for some 35 years, retired from this ministry in 2011. Those continuing to serve are: *Barbara Cook, Bill Davis, Nancy Douth, Janet Farnsworth, Sarah Franklin, Richard Grzybowski, Paula Gullo, Maisie Houghton, Keith Johnson, Peter Maier, Pam McCarthy, Daniel Minster, A. John Peck Jr., Bill Plummer, Eugene Saunders, Bill Scheidweiler, Rob Shaw, Susan Boland and Betsy Whedon.*

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene F. Saunders

LAY PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Since 2002, the Lay Pastoral Care team has been passing along to others the friendship, support and caring that we ourselves receive from fellow parishioners.

This program provides an ongoing caring, listening presence; spiritual support and hope in times of need—be it illness, injury, disability, surgery, marital changes, grieving, isolation, inability to attend church, unemployment, relocation or other difficult life changes.

Pastoral care is not counseling. Our main job is to listen and be a friendly presence. We meet monthly to review the list of persons in need, to exchange ideas on how best to meet those needs. This list is generated from the clergy or our knowledge of a person or family in need of pastoral care. All conversation and communications within the group are treated with dignity and confidentiality.

The group consists of Sue Boland, Nancy Douth, Howard and Jan Farnsworth, George Hunt, Cindy Maier, Susan and John Peck. Paula Gullo recently resigned as an active member, but she will continue to care and support persons in need as she always has. The rector is advised of all activities of this group.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Douth

MISSIONS

Committee Members – Robert Reed, Martha Tober, Janet Farnsworth, Paula Gullo, Pamela Hertl, Melissa Murray, Ann Price, Meg Scheidweiler

State of Purpose

In response to God’s unfailing love and Christ’s command to “feed my sheep” and in faith that as we seek to serve God, we and others will be transformed. The Missions Committee commits itself and will encourage members of Christ Church to understand mission as encountering and serving God in our daily life and work, and to reach out to mutually discerned areas of need in our community and the world with personal and financial resources.

The committee is funded by an allocation from the Endowment Fund and a line item in the Operating Fund Budget. The following organizations or programs were recommended for funding and approved by the Vestry.

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Child Care Center	\$2,000	\$1,500
Creation Camp	\$1,500	\$ 500
Corning Meals on Wheels	\$2,500	\$2,500
Faith in Action	\$3,500	\$2,000
Family Service Society (Youth Center)	\$ 500	\$ 500
Family Service Society (Family Support)	\$ 750	\$ 500
First United Methodist Mattress Ministry	\$1,000	\$1,000
Food Bank of Southern Tier	\$2,000	\$2,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,500	\$ 700
Health Ministries of the Southern Tier	\$	\$ 800
Rockwell Museum	\$1,000	\$ 800
Rockwell Memorial Fund	\$1,000	\$ 150
Salvation Army	\$7,000	\$6,000
Steuben Senior Services	\$3,000	\$ 0
Stewart Park Pre-School	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$29,750	\$20,950

Note: Health Ministries of the Southern Tier did not specify an amount needed. They just asked for whatever we were able to give them.

The Committee funded the “Giving Tree” project for ten families with children and sponsored our sixteenth annual community Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Our congregation’s mission activity is not limited to financial assistance. Many parish members contribute their time and talent to community organizations and programs. The Southeast Steuben County Library, Meals on Wheels, Habitat

for Humanity, Crop Walk, Make-A-Wish Walk, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Rockwell Museum, Faith in Action, Family Service Society, Corning Hospital, Literacy Volunteers, Food Pantry and Stewart Park are just a few of the organizations served by dedicated volunteers who count themselves as members of Christ Church. They make us all proud!

It's a new year with new challenges. Let's keep our focus on our Statement of Purpose

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Reed and Martha Tober
Co-Chairs

NEWCOMER GREETERS

The members of the Newcomer/Greeter Committee continue to perform a vital function for the Christ Church community. During the past year the committee had 8 regular members and 1 substitute.

The greeters assigned to the 10 a.m. service welcome all parishioners, hand out "Welcome Bags" to all visitors, and provide a record of these visits to the office for follow-up. Visitors who sign the guest register and/or make an identifiable donation also receive a welcome note from the committee chair.

Newcomers, who wish, are added to the parish mailing list.

During the 2010-2011 church year, several couples, families or individuals were invited to be recognized on May 15, 2011 at either the 8 or 10 a.m. service, and there was a special reception at the 10 a.m. coffee hour for those who were able to attend.

Many thanks to committee members: Patty Davis, Nancy Doult, Nancy Grant, Paula Gullo, Terry Smith, and Katie Van Zanten, who will continue as greeters in 2012. Long-time faithful greeter, Brock Morey has resigned, but Peg Morey will continue on as a substitute. We welcome Howard Farnsworth and Ginger Minster who began as substitutes late in 2011, and have been added to the regular schedule.

Katie Van Zanten will continue doing her wonderful job preparing the Welcome Bags.

In addition to greeting the congregation, the newcomers frequently fill in for absent ushers.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Doult

PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain began 18 years ago and several members have been part of the group since its beginning: Nancy Doutt, Pamela Hertl, Joan Mistretta, Peg Morey and Meg Scheidweiler.

Other long-time members are Adam Ellison, Lee O'Brien, Marjorie Sinclair, Rich Grzybowski, Joan Kirk, Rev. Kit Tobin, Judy Zimmerman, with Julia Hertl and Jane Dillon joining the group in 2007. Dorothy Behan was added to our membership in 2008, Candice Hill and Susan Boland added this ministry to their other commitments in 2010. The Rev. Charles Tyo joined the group in 2011.

Although moving away, Joan Mistretta continues to be an active member of this important ministry, and Tom Buechner, Adam Ellison and Marjorie Sinclair continue to receive the prayer requests. Resigning in 2011 were an original member, Carolyn Gutierrez, and The Rev. Ella Breckinridge.

Over 100 persons are prayed for daily, each by first name and last initial only and divided by condition: Cancer, Chronic and Other. This may take 15-20 minutes depending on personal prayer style.

Requests for prayers may be submitted by notifying any member of the Prayer Chain, the Rector or the Church Office. These names are added to the Prayer Chain at once and added to the Sunday Service and Thursday intercessions if desired. Persons to be prayed for need only to be known by the one submitting the name and we have prayed for persons all over the world in need of God's healing powers for personal crisis or physical conditions.

We invite you to join us in this vital ministry of intercessory prayer.

Prayerfully submitted,
Nancy Doutt

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS

Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted for individuals in or outside the parish family. Since the group's inception in 2005, some 140 shawls have been

presented to individuals who are experiencing an illness or serious hardship. Blankets are also made to present to babies and children upon baptism. Shawls are blessed during a service and presented to the individual so that he/she can “be wrapped in the warmth of Christ’s love” and feel the many thoughts from the Christ Church congregation.

The prayer shawl knitters are a group of parishioners who work independently. Anyone is welcome to knit or crochet—there are no required meetings! Completed prayer shawls can be brought to the church office with a tag identifying who made it. When there is a need for a shawl, an appropriate one is chosen and blessed.

At least nine shawls and blankets were made and blessed in 2011. Knitters in 2011 included Laura Campbell, Laurie Charlton, Barbara Clark, Janet Farnsworth, Virginia Hauff, Peg Morey, Loris Sawchuk, Susan Peck and Christine Sellers. If others are knitting and we do not have your names, please notify the office.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Campbell

SEEDS OF COMPASSION MINISTRY

The Seeds of Compassion Program was established in 2003 at the suggestion of Tom Buechner as a means for members of Christ Church to help meet the specific needs of those living in poverty in our community. During 2011, needs were identified with the help of members of Family Service Society and Catholic Charities who regularly visit the families being served. By using e-mail, we respond to these requests quickly and efficiently, with members of our congregation dropping off items at the church for pickup and delivery by employees of the agencies involved. Often items are “gently used” and are passed on to the families.

Poverty is much more than simply a lack of material goods. With it often comes hopelessness and despair. The donations that members of our Church have made this year have furthered our mission by offering hope, healing, and hospitality to people in our neighborhoods who are in need of our help.

We assisted two households facing dire circumstances with setting up new apartments, including everything from kitchenware and linens to furniture and clothing. We had a request from one family for a crib for their newborn and another request for a car seat and baby clothes. Our final request came from Stewart Park for a room-size air conditioner to ease an elderly man’s breathing condition.

Because of your generosity, we were able to meet all requests. In two cases we provided gift cards so that the items could be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Townsend

STEWARDSHIP

Our parish is very different from what it was a few years back. We are smaller. The stewardship program should reflect this “reality.”

New for 2011 -- No Stewardship Committee, but a “Stewardship Coordinator.”

Program steps:

- Review each step with the Senior Warden
- Low key communication
- Point to the changes
- Mention the highlights, but do NOT overemphasize (no embellishment)
- Deal frankly and honestly with the changes and challenges
- Three letters (not email) one from Gene, two from Whit (Sept 30 - Oct 25)
- Letter #1 explain challenges in the context of Stewardship; introduce Whit
- Letter #2 explaining year round theme; celebrate accomplishments
- Letter #3 send brochure; include response card for estimate of annual giving
- No witness talks; No loyalty Sunday;
- November – follow up and re-iterate that this is a year round focus
- Acknowledgment and Thank you to those making an Estimate of Giving
- December – send additional follow up letters (limited basis)
- Move to e-mail communication on a regular basis (augmented by paper).

Here’s the update: As of January 23, 2012, we had received 97 estimates of giving from parishioners, totaling some \$194,500. We expect to receive perhaps 8-10 more responses.

Here’s a comparison to prior years:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
# of Estimates	123	107	97 (so far)
Total Amount	223,000	205,000	194,500

Stewardship is a year round focus. Almost every week there is something in the readings that relates to stewardship. The time of the Offertory during the service is an opportunity to celebrate our many blessings.

The offerings we make are in celebration of all that God has provided to each of us. Financial contributions are used to support the ministries of our church. Your support is important as we work to grow together.

Respectfully submitted,
Whit Smith

USHERS

The year began with a discussion and review of safety procedures under the direction of the new chairman, Dan Minster.

Father Tyo requested a change in the timing of the presentation of the sacraments so that they are taken forward just prior to the offertory rather than waiting until afterwards. This allows him time to prepare for the Eucharist while the offering is being taken. He further requested that the attendance slip be placed in with the bread wafers. Attendance is taken now approximately 20 minutes after the start of the service and the record slip is placed in with the bread wafers at the late service. Both changes have been successfully implemented.

I convey my heartfelt gratitude to all of the ushers for their faithful service and for the *donation of their Time and Talent* to this ministry in 2011: Peter Maier, Patty Davis, Dan & Ginger Minster, George & Doris Roy, Mary Volpe, George & Awanda Hunt, Howard & Janet Farnsworth, Martha Tober, Jeanne Grant, Lee Kent, Tina Canfield, John & Susan Peck, Rich & Rhonda Grzybowski, Terry Smith, Paula Gullo, Bill Plummer, Penny O'Sullivan Jason Howles, Jane Dillon, Meg Scheidweiler, Sarah O'Rourke, and Rich Murray and, likewise, my thanks to the crew of willing substitutes: John Abbott, Joan Kirk, Amy Rogoski, Katie Van Zanten and Susan Boland.

We are delighted to be welcoming Amy Rogoski, the Vince Hill and Gordon Smith families in 2012. And, while we welcome new faces, we are sorry to say goodbye to: Howard Farnsworth (now a greeter), George & Awanda Hunt, Rich & Rhonda Grzybowski, Adam Ellison, and Jason Howles.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Minster

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team for 2011 consisted of Howard and Jan Farnsworth, Rich Grzybowski, Paula Gullo, Candice Hill, Mariko Morita, Dan Minster, Anne Price, Eugene Saunders, and Delight Scouten.

They met six times in 2011 to plan Sunday worship services to reflect the liturgical year, to maintain the continuity of the Mid-week Thursday noontime services, and to assist the supply clergy. These were not easy tasks to do without regular clergy to support them.

The Rev. Thomas Gramley led our worship during the spring and summer months and kept us on a straight and steady course.

Beginning in early August, Father Charlie Tyo became our “permanent “supply priest. In December he was recommended by the Search Team and called by the Vestry to become our Rector. He accepted and was approved by the Bishop in January.

As we look forward in 2012 we see exciting opportunities for expanding our worship by including more lay-participation by altar servers, special worship services, and a general enrichment of our worship experience through a genuine feeling of CELEBRATION.

Respectfully submitted,
Father Charlie Tyo