

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Meeting: January 30, 2011



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Mission

The mission of St. Paul's is to minister unconditionally to all in the name of Christ through shared worship, teaching, healing and service.

Vision

St. Paul's is called to be an embracing, nourishing and life-giving family in Christ. We are called to care for each other, for our community and for the world.

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† ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 31, 2010

11:45 Lunch

12:10 Begin Parish meeting
Collect for Church Meetings
Meeting Overview
Distribute Reports

12:30 Rector's Address
Fr. Mike began with a prayer.
Outreach – vestry discerned that the congregation would like to become more focused on outreach.
Youth – Fr. Mike is becoming more concerned about our youth attendance. The number of youth in the Sunday school has decreased significantly and the number of teens in service is virtually zero. The number of teens attending the monthly Sunday night service has consistently been 1 or 2. Overall adult attendance has stabilized or increased slightly. With the stabilization it's time to grow – this must involve teens.
The diocese has agreed to install Deacon Maggie Geller for 3 years to the Collaborative ministry. We are to the world a visible sign of God's love... our outreach is how we show this Love to the world.

12:40 Introduction of Deacon Maggie and Maggie's Address – A deacon brings the concerns and needs of the world to the church and the church to the world. A Priest stands in the middle of the community, the deacon stands on the outskirts with one foot in the community and one out in the world. Maggie's passion is Missions.

12:50 Nominations & Elections – A motion was made to accept the vestry slate of nominees. The slate was unanimously approved.

1:00 Treasurers Report – See 2009 Annual Report
2009 Ended positively
2010 Budget was presented as a faith budget with an approx 3K deficit.

1:10 Elections Report – Vestry slate introduced

1:20 Questions and Answers
Fr. Mike's Sabbatical – Fr. Mike will take 6 weeks in 2011 and 6 weeks in 2012. He will look to have a spiritual retreat (inviting people from both parishes) in locations mentioned in the annual report.

1:30 Closing Prayer

ANNUAL MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET - January 31, 2010

1 Ruth Warner
2 Dianne Belamarich
3 Susan R. Bury RANSLEY
4 ~~Ja Ross~~
5 Patricia Paula
6 Mark Key
7 Cindy Key
8 ~~Frank Chase~~
9 Ernie Paoloni -
10 Nancy Jemmer
11 Mitch Paul
12 Gutchi Jean
13 Roxanne Donahue
14 Chri Temuson
15 Laurel Dyer
16 Fay Paul
17 Amy Kerit
18 Judy Billingsley
19 MaryAnn
20 Mary Ghafo
21 ~~David S. Spang~~
22 Maggie Seller
23 Bob Hobb
24 Ralph Edwards
25 Marie Therese Robert-Berri
26 Ruth Soglia

27 Andrew Connors
28 Ross C. Spengler
29 George Kent
30 Bob Snyder
31 Amy P. Snyder
32 Carl Spengler
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† SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT.....Sue Ramsley

During my first year as Senior Warden of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church we have been privileged to experience the ongoing spiritual leadership of our shepherd, Father Mike. We have also been blessed with the delightful addition of Deacon Maggie Geller, who was assigned to the Hopkinton Medway Collaborative Ministry early in the year. Parishioners of Christ Church, Medway, and of St. Paul’s, joined Fr. Mike and Maggie in a celebration of ministry early in February.

As a parish, we are part of the greater body of Christ; we gather in this place to worship Jesus, who called us out of darkness and is the Source of light.

Throughout the year, a number of much needed major repairs and upgrades to our physical facility were accomplished. Most of these significant repairs/upgrades occurred through the joint generosity of our tenants, members of Grace United Methodist Church, and parishioners of St. Paul’s. (The hail damaged roof was entirely replaced, paid for by insurance.)

As the year has progressed, we at St. Paul’s have begun to alter our focus from grieving past hurts to that of reaching out to others. We have become further engaged with Grace United, now tenants at will, joining together in planning/pursuing various local, national and international mission efforts. A Missions Committee has been formed by St. Paul’s and enthusiastically joined by members of Grace United.

This year marked the 275th anniversary of the founding of our parish. With much effort and enthusiasm from a number of dedicated volunteers, we participated in the various 275th anniversary celebration events.

Now, as a parish, we face a significant financial challenge. Our long-term pre-school tenant has relocated to a larger facility. As a result of the general economic downturn, the income from our new tenant will be significantly lower. For the first time in a long while, the vestry has elected to present the parish of St. Paul’s with a faith budget.

I want to thank the members of the 2010 vestry for your collective hard work and for your vision for the future of this parish. I also want to thank you, the parishioners of this body of believers, for your faithful stewardship. We believe that God’s mercy and grace will sustain and guide us as we move into 2011 and grasp hold of the challenges and blessings set before us.

“Now unto Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ramsley

† SHEPHERD’S – RECTOR’S REPORT The Rev. Michael Billingsley

**Shepherd-Rector’s Report to the 2010 Annual Meetings of
Christ Episcopal Church Medway, Mass. – January 23, 2011 and
Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church Hopkinton, Mass. – January 30, 2011**

At the 2010 service that installed me as Rector of our two Parishes and Shepherd of the Collaborative Ministry that binds us together, and also installed The Rev. Maggie Geller as the Deacon of the Collaborative Ministry, Bishop Cederholm challenged us to “dream big” as we move forward into deeper discovery of what it means to work together in ministry and mission in our Lord’s name. He also advised us to move forward prayerfully and deliberately as we sought God’s will for our parishes and our collaborative. I am grateful for your call to become your Shepherd and Rector, and the joy of ministry with all the Saints of Saint Paul’s and Christ Church in these two historic parishes.

Thanks to hard work accomplished by the vestries of both parishes, we began 2010 with some specific goals in mind. Some of these have been accomplished, some are still works in progress, some will move to front and center in 2011, and some may require new vision.

Goals Accomplished.

- With the help of The Rev. Maggie Geller, 2010 saw the creation of a Mission-Outreach Committee at Saint Paul's, headed by Nancy Jenison. This committee has managed the Mission-Outreach funds from the 2010 parish budget, sponsored Operation Christmas Child for its second year at Saint Paul's, managed the Giving Tree in support of Project Just Because's effort to provide Christmas gifts to local families in need, and reached out to embrace the local mission-outreach energies of Grace United Methodist Church with the idea that we can do more together than we can separately in making Christ's love known in our community.
- In 2010 the Rev. Maggie Geller attended a meeting of SMOC to further the goal of deepening the relationship between Christ Church and the Medway House, and explore Mission-Outreach needs that might be appropriate for the Collaborative Ministry. With contact at the SMOC board level, and the leadership of Sarah Brady as liaison to Medway House, the relationship has grown in depth.
- 2010 saw the formation of a Caring Committee at Saint Paul's, lead by Ruth Warner, to visit shut-ins and to carry the sacrament to folks who cannot attend worship on a regular basis.
- To improve Communications, 2010 saw the beginning of the Collaborative-Ministry Weekly Updates. Thanks to the computer expertise of the Rev. Maggie Geller, both parishes now receive weekly notices of parish events in a timely, colorful and attractive format. Vestry Member Bob Snyder has taken the content of the Saint Paul's web-site under his wings, and it also is now fresh and current.

Goals that are Works in Progress.

- Christ Church is moving toward a weekly coffee hour and increased opportunity for fellowship and community building. 2010 saw the continuation of the pancakes and Prayers breakfasts at Christ Church, the first of Collaborative Ministry Trivia Nights—instigated by Steve Wettengel, and a Collaborative Ministry Picnic at the home of Kathy and Andy Anderson.
- 2010 also saw the identification of a mission focus for Christ Church. The number of new families with children that have come to the parish during the year has helped the leadership of the parish to see a call to be a church in ministry to families, and to begin to lay a foundation for deliberate movement into that ministry in 2011.
- At the year's end, potential RT-13 mentors have been identified, and contact has been made with appropriate diocesan staff to seek Congregational Development Grant funds to train them, acquire the necessary licenses for using the program and launch at J2A-Rr-13 program at CEC. Development of a Parish Mission Statement related to this ministry needs to continue.
- The development of increased social-fellowship gatherings at Saint Paul's continued its expression in 2010 as monthly potlucks and a wonderful celebration of the Parish's 275th birthday, organized by Pam Litchfield, with a chicken barbeque by the Desilets family. Movement toward quarterly social gatherings, outside the Sunday morning hours, needs to continue.

Goals that are Moving Front and Center.

- In 2011 Saint Paul's wants to help new members integrate into the life of the parish, perhaps through the establishing a New Members Committee.
- Both parishes have goals involving fresh and vibrant worship. In 2011 we must establish systems for exploring new forms for our corporate worship and new events that enliven our experience of God's love for us. At his Episcopal Visitation, Bishop Cederholm repeated his 2008 offer to Christ Church to help the parish explore a successful model for refreshing our Sunday worship and making better use of the parish's beautiful and historic building. He offered to help pay the cost of sending a small team to visit Saint Gregory's of Nyssa in California and observe the way they make use of their space and enliven their worship on Sunday mornings.

Goals that Need New Vision. The attempt in 2009-2010 to create a youth worship service on Sunday evenings at Saint Paul's did not succeed. Attendance was very light at the outset, and diminished to nil by the spring of 2010. By year's end efforts by Pam Litchfield and Jennifer Cleveland to unite the young teens of Saint Paul's with the same age group of Grace UMC were showing some promise, and the soon to be graduated J2A class

shows the potential of becoming a parish youth group, perhaps in partnership with Grace UMC. At the same time the Concord River Deanery is attempting to organize a deanery wide event or events for youth, in which our high school aged teens might find meaningful experiences of worship, Christian service and fellowship with others of their own ages. 2011 will require Saint Paul's to re-evaluate its approach to keeping our teens engaged in Christian Formation after J2A and Confirmation.

There are challenges that arise from new circumstances, especially at Saint Paul's. In 2010 Saint Paul's lost a long-time tenant in the Play House Preschool. The four months of revenue lost represented a \$10,000.00 change in parish income. This loss was partially offset by some generous gifts at year's end. As we enter 2011, a property rental committee, led by Rich Litchfield, has nearly completed work on a long term lease to a new tenant. The new realities of the economy and the rental market find Hopkinton with a surplus of space available and rental rates down. Our prospective tenant does not require as much space as our old one used, and the rental income will be less than we received in prior years. Saint Paul's bare-bones budget for 2011 has a significant shortfall. The plus side of the new circumstances is that the church regains use of part of the undercroft. The Challenge will be to increase our pledge base and income throughout the year, and to keep expenses in check. The parish has the cash reserves to make expenses for the year, but in the long term we must base our finances on our pledges instead of non-church use of our property.

Opportunities in 2011. The deepening relationship between Saint Paul's and Grace UMC, with links being forged in our common Mission and Outreach ministries and potential new links being explored in Christian Formation for our older youth, offers Saint Paul's the opportunity for growth in our ministry to the local community and world, and partnership in bridging the gap between confirmation and adulthood for our young members. The energies and wisdom of the lay leaders of the parish will inform the development of this cooperation between us.

Hopes for 2011. As the year unfolds, my hope is that the Collaborative Ministry will grow more deeply into its potential for ministry that stretches both parishes—ministry that neither of us can do separately but that we can accomplish and take joy from together. To move toward this, I'm hoping for more fellowship between parishes, more worship together, and time prayerfully exploring our common passions. I believe God has called us into life together, and pray for a common vision of what He is calling us to do together in His name. 2010 was a very good year! 2011, with all its challenges, has all the potential to be an even better year. I am constantly reminded of Paul's words of encouragement to the Thessalonians, "(We) can do all things through him who strengthens us." Indeed we can, and give glory to God in the doing.

Faithfully,
Michael Billingsley

† TREASURERS' REPORTJohn Pavlov & Mary Arnaut

Financial Report – John Pavlov, Treasurer; Mary Arnaut, Financial Officer

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful financial year in 2010. With your generosity, we were able to manage the loss of the Playhouse Preschool rental income, even though it left us with a challenge for 2011.

With our pledge, non-pledge, and loose plate income exceeding expectation and some advance payment of 2011 pledge money; our year-end 2010 income was over budget.

Here is the major financial information for the year 2010, as of December 31:

- 1) We had a net income of \$1,853.33.
- 2) Our total income for the year was \$219,477.94, which included insurance payments of \$42,233 for the flood and hail damage.
- 3) Our total expenses were \$182,692.35
- 4) Our checking account balance was \$52, 891.37.

- 5) Our savings account balance was \$11,233.04. The savings account money is designated for specific funds. (See this detail for a list of those funds.)
- 6) We also have investment accounts held and managed by the Diocese of Massachusetts. The balance in these accounts is \$48,675.21.
We received quarterly disbursement payments for a total of \$2165.85 for the year. This money is included in the checking account balance shown above.
- 7) All of details of our 2010 income and expenses are provided in the enclosed report. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to talk with Mary Arnaut.

With such a successful year in 2010, it is difficult to accept the severity of our financial posture for 2011. For the first time in many years, we are forecasting a huge deficit in the amount of \$21,199.32. If necessary, we will use money from the 2010 checking balance to meet 2011 expenses. However, with a facility and operation the size of St. Paul's, it is prudent to save our account balances and cover our 2011 expenses with our 2011 revenue. Please pray that cost controls and generosity will overcome our projected deficit.

May God's love and blessings be evident to all who are part of St. Paul's family in Christ.

PROFIT AND LOSS BUDGET OVERVIEW
January – December 2011

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan - Dec 11 Budget	Jan - Dec 10 Actual	Delta Yr'11-Yr'10
Income			
200 - General Fund Income Accounts			
201 - Pledges (Tithes & Offerings)	73,202.00	69,814.19	3,387.81
202 - Non-Pledge	2,400.00	9,020.00	(6,620.00)
203 - Loose Plate	600.00	2,599.73	(1,999.73)
204 - Other Income	300.00	3,385.80	(3,085.80)
206 - Playhouse Rental	0.00	18,425.81	(18,425.81)
207 - Other Rental	3,600.00	3,515.00	85.00
208 - Fund Raisers Income			
2081 - 275th Income	0.00	2,589.89	(2,589.89)
208 - Fund Raisers Income - Other	4,200.00	3,990.98	209.02
Total 208 - Fund Raisers Income	4,200.00	6,580.87	(2,380.87)
209 - Gifts & Memorials Income	300.00	300.00	0.00
210 - Diocese Grant Income	5,300.00	0.00	5,300.00
211 - Investment Income- Distribution	2,000.00	2,165.85	(165.85)
212 - Grace UMC Rental Income	10,800.00	9,900.00	900.00
213 - Interest from Checking Account	24.00	50.12	(26.12)
215 - Christ Church Income(HMCM Only)	35,100.00	35,400.00	(300.00)
216 - Grace United Methodist Donation	600.00	855.27	(255.27)
217 - Undercroft Rent	9,600.00	0.00	9,600.00
Total 200 - General Fund Income Accounts	148,026.00	155,431.77	(7,405.77)
2000 - Designated Income Accounts			
2002 - Altar Guild Flower Income	1,440.00	1,399.97	40.03
2003 - Altar Guild Income	0.00	172.00	(172.00)
2004 - Building Income (Operating Exp.)	240.00	10,293.31	(10,053.31)
2006 - Kitchen Fund Income	60.00	0.00	60.00
2007 - Memorial Garden Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008 - Mission/Outreach Fund Income			
20081 - Community Supper Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
20082 - Adopt-A-Soldier	0.00	129.82	(129.82)
20083 - Haiti Relief	0.00	955.00	955.00
20084 - Project Just Because	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008 - Mission/Outreach Fund Income - Other	0.00	119.20	(119.20)
Total 2008 - Mission/Outreach Fund Income	0.00	1,204.02	(1,204.02)
2009 - Music Fund Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010 - Organ Fund Income	0.00	1,008.00	(1,008.00)

2011 - Youth Group Income	0.00	300.00	300.00
2013 - RDF	240.00	300.00	(60.00)
2014 - Rector Year-End Gift	0.00	520.00	(520.00)
2015 - Building Income Capital Fund	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
2016 - Insurance Reimbursement Payment	0.00	42,233.00	(42,233.00)
Total 2000 - Designated Income Accounts	1,980.00	57,680.30	(55,700.30)
Total Income	150,006.00	219,727.94	(69,721.94)
Expense			
3000 - Designated Expenses			
3001 - Technical Services	1,200.00	269.00	931.00
3002 - Altar Guild Flower Exp	1,500.00	1,466.06	33.94
3003 - Altar Guild Expense	600.00	534.40	65.60
3005 - Gifts & Memorial Expense	1,000.08	778.75	221.33
3006 - Kitchen Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
3007 - Memorial Garden Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
3008 - Mission/Outreach Fund Expense			
30081 - Community Supper Fund Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
30082 - Adopt-A-Soldier	144.00	129.82	14.18
30083 - Project Just Because	600.00	275.00	325.00
30084 - Heifer International	600.00	350.00	250.00
30085 - Haiti Relief	0.00	955.00	(955.00)
30086 - United Thank Offering	0.00	63.00	(63.00)
30087 - Operation Christmas	0.00	262.40	(262.40)
3008 - Mission/Outreach Fund Expense - Other	1,200.00	86.40	1,113.60
Total 3008 - Mission/Outreach Fund Expense	2,544.00	2,121.62	422.38
3009 - Music Fund Expense	120.00	379.00	(259.00)
3010 - Organ Fund Expense	1,020.00	261.50	758.50
3011 - Youth Group Expenses	0.00	415.33	(415.33)
3012 - HMCN Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
3013 - Other Designated Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
3014 - Fund Raisers Expenses	0.00	1,669.96	(1,669.96)
3015 - Funeral Flowers Expense	300.00	93.50	206.50
3000 - Designated Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 3000 - Designated Expenses	8,284.08	7,989.12	294.96
400 - Assessment Expenses			
401 - Assessment Exp	9,600.00	9,143.05	580.00
402 - Assessment Payment Plan Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 - Assessment Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 400 - Assessment Expenses	9,600.00	9,143.05	456.95
425 - Administration / Salary Expense			
449 - Rector 403(B)	21,984.00	6,000.00	15,984.00
450 - Shepherd Medical	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
451 - Rector Salary & Housing Expense	31,692.00	48,872.02	(17,180.02)
452 - Rector Pension Expense	11,700.00	11,700.00	0.00
453 - Delta Dental Expense	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
454 - Transportation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
455 - Rector Discretionary Fund (RDF)	600.00	958.02	(358.02)
456 - Supply Clergy Expense	1,500.00	1,235.00	265.00
457 - Sexton Salary Expense	5,420.00	4,859.96	560.04
458 - Workers Compensation Expense	600.00	474.00	126.00
459 - Payroll Taxes / SSI Expenses	15,600.00	15,333.88	266.12
460 - Staff Education Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
461 - Continuing Education Expenses	1,000.08	0.00	0.00
462 - Paychex Processing Fees Expense	600.00	435.15	164.85
463 - Banking Fees Expense	96.00	126.28	(30.28)
469 - Organist Stipend Expense	6,660.00	7,252.71	(592.71)
470 - Rector Business Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00
471 - Rector Long-term Disability Ins	0.00	0.00	0.00
472 - Financial Officer Salary	5,724.00	5,717.04	6.96
473 - Other Expenses	600.00	437.85	162.15
425 - Administration / Salary Expense - Other	0.00	65.00	(65.00)

Total 425 · Administration / Salary Expense	111,576.08	103,466.91	8,109.17
500 · Office Expenses			
501 · Copier Lease Expenses	2,200.08	2,179.26	(2,179.26)
502 · Copier Maintenance Expenses	300.00	0.00	300.00
503 · Office Supplies Expenses	600.00	448.30	151.70
504 · Postage Expenses	180.00	117.56	62.44
505 · Church Supplies Expense	720.00	730.39	(10.39)
506 · Internet Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
507 · Publications Expenses	1,800.00	1,582.08	217.92
509 · Combined Telephone & Internet	1,920.00	1,138.63	781.37
510 · Communications Expenses	600.00	466.80	133.20
512 · Post Office Box 165 Hopkinton	250.08	250.00	0.08
Total 500 · Office Expenses	8,570.16	6,913.02	1,657.14
550 · Building and Grounds Expenses			
551 · Lawn Maintenance Expenses	2,100.00	2,328.00	(228.00)
552 · Insurance Expenses	3,192.00	3,188.00	4.00
553 · Maintenance & Repair Expenses			
5531 · March 2010 Flood Damage Expense	0.00	8,289.62	(8,289.62)
5532 · Adopt-A-Room	0.00	6,415.61	(6,415.61)
553 · Maintenance & Repair Expenses - Other	6,000.00	15,700.17	(9,700.17)
Total 553 · Maintenance & Repair Expenses	6,000.00	30,405.40	(24,405.40)
554 · Snow Removal Expenses	5,400.00	4,762.00	638.00
555 · Building Supplies Expense	120.00	45.65	74.35
556 · Trash Removal Expenses	1,356.00	1,391.00	(35.00)
550 · Building and Grounds Expenses - Other	0.00	163.80	(163.80)
Total 550 · Building and Grounds Expenses	18,168.00	42,283.85	(24,115.85)
600 · Utilities Expenses			
601 · Gas Expense	8,040.00	5,914.86	(5,914.86)
602 · Electric Expense	3,600.00	3,984.93	(384.93)
603 · Water Expenses	600.00	343.70	256.30
600 · Utilities Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 600 · Utilities Expenses	12,240.00	10,243.49	1,996.51
650 · Ministries Expenses			
654 · Youth Education Expenses	204.00	200.00	(200.00)
655 · Hospitality Expenses	1,200.00	2,583.89	(1,383.89)
Total 650 · Ministries Expenses	1,404.00	2,783.89	(1,379.89)
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	119.02	(119.02)
700 · DEBT Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 700 · DEBT Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	171,246.32	182,942.35	(11,696.03)
Net Ordinary Income	(21,240.32)	36,785.59	(58,025.91)
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
9001 · Savings Account Interest	36.00	35.35	0.75
Total Other Income	36.00	35.35	0.08
Other Expense			
1500 · Capital Improvements			
1502 · Expense - New Roof 2010	0.00	34,967.61	(34,967.61)
1500 · Capital Improvements - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1500 · Capital Improvements	0.00	34,967.61	(34,967.61)
Total Other Expense	0.00	34,967.61	(34,967.61)
Net Other Income	36.00	35.35	0.65
Net Income	(21,199.32)	1,853.33	(23,052.65)

Designated Funds: Saving Account Balances

Altar Guild	0.00
Altar Flowers	744.94
Fund Raiser Income	211.25
Gifts & Memorials	970.50
Kitchen Fund	254.97
Memorial Garden	582.88
Missions/Outreach	2,243.90
Music Fund	0.00
Organ Fund	2,813.48
Carol Spengler Memorial Organ Fund	1,008.00
Undesignated Savings Fund	890.67
Technical Support	0.00
Youth Group Fund	1,502.45
Total as of Dec, 31, 2010	<u>11,223.04</u>

† EDUCATION REPORT..... Linda Lee & Marci Cox

The 2010 Sunday school year at St. Paul's has been strong and steady. We are very blessed to have such dedicated and committed adults to serve as our Sunday school teachers.

Teachers/Staff

Our teachers share a tremendous dedication to the children of our parish. They deserve a heartfelt "thank you" from all of us. They are vital to keeping this important ministry of our church stable.

January 2010 – June 2010 - Teachers

Nursery: As needed: Samantha Lee / Casey Rector
Pre-School / Kindergarten / 1st Grade: Marcy Cox
2nd – 3rd Grade: Linda Lee
3rd – 6th Grade: Robin Bloomer
Rite 13: Rose Bertucci-Bissonnett, Ruth Warner
J2A: Marcy Cox, Linda Lee and Mitch Palmer

September 2010 – December 2010

Nursery: Samantha Lee / Casey Rector
Godly Play: Pre-School / Kindergarten: Marcy Cox
Beginner Living the Good News: 1st - 3rd Grade: Linda Lee
Intermediate Living the Good News: 4th - 6th Grade: Robin Bloomer
Rite-13: Jen Cleveland
J2A: Marcy Cox, Linda Lee and Mitch Palmer

Curriculum

Godly Play

This creative program allows young children to find their relationship with God by experiencing stories from the Bible and our Christian heritage. Stories are told in a child oriented worship environment. The class brings stories from the Old and New Testament to life using 3D figures. After the story, the children have an opportunity for expression through art and the wooden manipulatives. Each class ends with a Feast, at which a snack is shared in a similar way to the Eucharist.

Living the Good News (Beginner and Intermediate)

This program features a lesson that is based on one of the Old or New Testament readings that is used during the Worship Service each Sunday. This allows families to share what they heard and learned in church and in Sunday school.

Rite 13/Journey to Adulthood

This highly acclaimed program joins Sunday meetings with youth group activities. Youth in seventh and eighth began their first of two years in the Rite-13 program. Youth in grades ninth and tenth moved into their first year of the two year J2A program after completing the two year Rite-13 program.

Enrollment

The enrollment in our September 10, 2010 Sunday school enrollment is even compared to last year. However, we are finding fewer children attending classes on a regular basis. All four elementary classes have only one teacher assigned. We have been unable to find volunteers to backup the Living the Good News Beginner class as well as the Godly Play class. We DO NOT meet the safe church standards of two adults per class.

Enrollment by School Year

'97 – '98	57 children	'04 – '05	77 children
'98 – '99	82 children	'05 – '06	47 children
'99 – '00	90 children	'06 – '07	52 children
'00 – '01	85 children	'07 – '08	47 children
'01 – '02	95 children	'08 – '09	43 children
'02 – '03	98 children	'09 – '10	37 children
'03 – '04	88 children	'10 – '11	37 children

† STEWARDSHIP REPORT..... Mitch Palmer

Thanks to all of you, the St. Paul’s 2011 Stewardship Campaign was more successful than we could have hoped. Despite the difficult economic times that we’ve all been laboring under, you responded to our parish’s need and prayerfully and sacrificially offered your time, your talent and your treasure.

The main data are as follows:

- A total of \$73,002 was pledged to St. Paul’s by parishioners and families.

This constitutes an increase of \$19,726 over our 2010 total pledges (\$53,276.00).

We had a total of 39 pledges this year. This compares with 28 in 2010, 22 in 2009, 32 in 2008 and 34 in 2007.

Of our 39 pledges, there were 7 increases over last pledge amount, 6 decreases, 17 were the same and there were 8 new pledges.

The average yearly pledge is \$1871.85.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generosity in tough times. You truly exemplify Jesus’ teaching that where your treasure is there your heart is also. It is obvious that your hearts are with, and at, St. Paul’s and God’s work.

† PROPERTY REPORT..... Dianne Belamarich

The Property committee is a collaborative effort between members from both St. Paul’s and Grace Church. As a result of this committee we’ve observed many improvements to the Church building and the Church grounds in 2010.

In March we had a major flood in the basement and most of it was a total loss. Some of the drains were not operating up to par and as a result the insurance company covered the expensive repairs. The roof of the

building was replaced as the result of hail damage from a summer storm and some drainage problems were addressed by the roofers... this was also covered by the insurance company.

Some of the most noticeable efforts from the property committee came from the formation of the Adopt-a-room program. This program raised approximately \$7,000. The work that was performed by both professionals and parishioners was substantial. A few of the accomplishments are listed below.

- Repair and refurbish Shed out back
- Refurbish the upstairs bathroom
- Added a “cry” area to the narthex
- Added new carpets in the narthex
- Painted... almost too many things to mention so to name a few: shed, stair wells, back deck, +++.
- Replaced carpets in both offices
- New refrigerator, freezer and dishwasher
- Revamped one Sunday school classroom
- Front landscaping completely replaced

It has been determined that our furnace needs to be replaced. The property committee obtained many bids and a vendor has been chosen; the money has yet to be raised.

Unfortunately, the property committee dissolved in September. We anticipate the formation of a new committee. Please see Fr. Mike if you are interested in helping in this worthy cause.

† **OUTREACH REPORT** **Reverend Maggie Geller and Nancy Jennison**

The Mission Outreach Committee formed in October, as a result of a meeting with all parishioners. Our parish has identified the agencies and groups that we will support for 2010-2011 locally, nationally, and internationally. We are continuing to identify what each group needs and how our parishioners can help. We have also formed a Youth Outreach Group, and it is composed primarily of J2A and Rite 13 students, and coordinated by Pam Litchfield with support from the teachers. We are very excited that the youth from our church and Grace Methodist Church are working together on joint ventures to help others! We also are thrilled to have formed a bond with Grace Methodist Church to do Outreach work together. We feel blessed that with the brains and hands of two churches, we can do so much more to help others in need.

Local Mission/Outreach

Project Just Because: Nancy Jennison is the church representative for Project Just Because and coordinates our work with them. The Committee would like to acknowledge Ruth Warner for all of her work with Project Just Because. She has done an outstanding job as our former representative, and we thank her for her time and talents and for coordinating donations to PJB. We continue to support Project Just Because with proceeds from our Rummage Sale. As in the past, St. Paul’s is the drop-off center for the town for donated items that are picked up every Thursday afternoon by a PJB representative. We also continue to collect donations for the food bank.

- **The Giving Tree** – In December, our parishioners donated 50 gifts for needy children from our Giving Tree. Since PJB still had 3,000 more children to service, the Mission Outreach Committee donated \$300 to PJB. We helped PJB to reach their 2010 goal of providing over 15,000 needy children with Christmas gifts.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Giving Back** – We planned for this January event with Grace Methodist at our December Outreach meeting and involved the J2A youth from our church. Both churches worked together to make Cancer Care baskets for PJB.
- **Serenity House** Mary Arnaut, our coordinator for work with Serenity House, has continued to support them with clothing donations from our Rummage Sales. In addition, she has broadcast a special television show about Serenity House to help them with fundraising. More events are planned for the new year.

- **Assisting Seniors and the Elderly:** Amy Kent is our coordinator for reaching out to the seniors and the elderly. A sub-committee has formed to organize a luncheon for seniors and the disabled people who live in Senior Housing. More events are being planned.
- **General Outreach Work in the Hopkinton Community:** St. Paul's continues to allow local organizations to meet in our hall at no cost as a way of reaching out to the community. Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Al-Anon, and Friends of the Hopkinton Library all use our facility

National Mission/Outreach

Special Olympics: Amy Kent is our representative for Special Olympics. Amy has reported that Special Olympics has enough volunteers, but needs financial support. Both St. Paul's and Grace Methodist Church will support Liv and Jiggs Kent in their yearly Passion Plunge.

Adopt-a-Soldier: Nancy Jennison coordinated sending parishioners' gifts and cards to our adopted soldiers. Our adopted soldier, Robyn has fulfilled her time in Iraq, and now we support Evelina. She is deployed with the Army National Guard from CA to Iraq until sometime in August, 2011. We always need supplies for her, and a list of what we need is located beside the donation basket in the meeting room area.

International Mission/Outreach

Heifer International: Jean O'Connor is our representative and shared information with us for how we could be involved with Heifer International. We donated \$300, so the youth voted to purchase a water buffalo and the Hope gift basket of chickens and rabbits.

Operation Christmas Child: Sue Ramsley coordinated this event in December. She was happy to report that St. Paul's and Grace Methodist Church worked together and sent 83 shoe boxes that contained gifts for needy children all over the world through the Samaritans Purse organization. Both churches had a Pot Luck Dinner to celebrate this success. The Pot Luck was well attended by both churches.

Jubilee African Ministries: Reverend Maggie Geller coordinates this ministry with St. Paul's. In May Maggie sold jewelry to benefit working woman in African villages. The woman made the beautiful jewelry for mothers' day gifts for others.

We welcome all parishioners to join our Mission/Outreach Committee. Our next meeting is on February 6th immediately after the church service.

† FUND RAISING REPORT Dianne Belamarich

Earning extra money for St. Paul's as well as for outreach projects has been a challenge this year. Our fundraising projects are the semi-annual rummage sales in the spring and fall and Polyarts. **Fundraising ideas and volunteers are always welcome.**

† ALTAR GUILD REPORT..... Ruth Warner

St. Paul's Altar Guild is a very behind the scenes ministry. It is our responsibility to prepare the Sanctuary for Sunday Service. This includes setting the Table for Eucharist, arranging the flowers, making sure that the candles are ready to be lit, the appropriate colors adorn our Altar, and that the brass shines.

We are a very dedicated group of five ladies who are happy to serve God and St. Paul's by being part of this ministry.

Ruth Warner, Jane Desilets, Mary Chase, Lynn Johnson from St. Paul's and Christiana Linera from Grace Church are the present members.

Like all volunteer ministries we are always in need of help and would welcome new members. If you would like to be part of this group please talk any one of us. Thank You and God Bless.

† OFFICE REPORT Ruth Warner

We have an office staff of three ladies who generously give their time each week to see that the phones are answered, the bulletins prepared, The life at St. Paul's is kept to date, the files are in order, the calendar schedules are kept as current as possible, keeping our bulletin boards up to date and keeping our membership lists accurate. These ladies are Carolyn Anderson, Ruth Warner and Barbara Wilson, say Thanks when you see them.

† PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT Ruth Warner

St. Paul's Pastoral Care Committee is a newly formed group of parishioners whose ministry is to make monthly visits to our shut-in's. The present members of this committee are Mary Chase, Jane Desilets, John McGrath, Pam Litchfield, and Ruth Warner.

Two of us are licensed Eucharist visitors and we take communion to the shut-ins. We are just beginning to research the depth of this committee. We feel that there is more that we can do to help our parishioners. Presently we have Shirlee Macomber, Mable Magee and Thelma Graves who we visit. We have made four visitations to date and look forward to seeing them soon.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit please let us know.

† HOSPITALITY REPORT David Spengler

Hospitality was very active at St. Paul's in 2010! Coffee, tea and other beverages are served after every Sunday service to provide a welcoming atmosphere to meet and greet newcomers and catch up on what's happening in the lives of old friends and of course to discuss what's happening at St. Paul's and how to become or stay involved in our programs, services and special events.

I would like to thank the many parishioners who have signed-up to bring the healthy appetizers, snacks and sweet treats that are served weekly along with the coffee and beverages. I would also like to remind everyone to check out the 'Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet' next to the kitchen door and occasionally host the "Goodies" part of coffee hour. Remember, the treats sign-up is only for the goodies, you do NOT have to operate the coffee machines or bring milk and cream for the coffee; all the beverages are provided by the hospitality coordinator.

I would also like to invite everyone to participate in St. Paul's monthly "Pot Luck Supper" events which occur on the SECOND SUNDAY of EVERY month right after the Sunday service. The variety, quality and quantity of food is always amazing and delicious and a truly great opportunity to sample the favorite recipes of your fellow parishioners while enjoying the company of and conversation with some of the most interesting and loving people in our little corner of the world.

Finally and most importantly, the 2010 Hospitality coordinator wishes to thank and acknowledge David and Jane Desilets and the entire Desilets family for volunteering, planning and very successfully completing TWO very spectacular meals that were a major part of St. Paul's 275th Anniversary celebration in 2010! On Sunday June 6th the Desilets family hosted a "Parrish 275th Anniversary Picnic" serving burgers, hot dogs, green and potato salads, chips, beverages and all the accoutrements to more than 100 very well fed parishioners. Then, on Saturday September 25th 2010 the Desilets family out-did the June picnic by hosting a four-course Chicken Barbeque Dinner for the community wide St. Paul's 275th Anniversary Celebration attended by several hundred people from the town of Hopkinton at large and St. Paul's clergy and parishioners past and present. The 275th Chicken Barbeque Dinner was a very delicious 'Major Event' and involved a huge commitment of planning, procuring, preparation, serving and clean-up... ALL done by David and Jane Desilets and the entire extended Desilets family. Again, from the entire Parrish here at St. Paul's... THANK YOU!!... THANK YOU!!..

THANK YOU!!! to the entire Desilets family... a job very well done and a major piece of a very successful St. Paul's 275th Anniversary Celebration.

† PRAYER GROUP REPORT.....Sue Ramsley

Once a week several parishioners join with Fr. Mike to pray for the concerns of the world, our communities and for those of individual members. We recognize our need to be upheld by God's grace and we seek the hope and help He offers. If you are unable to be physically present, you may join in praying for the public prayer concerns of the parish as published on our web site.

We encourage you, the family of St. Paul's, to express your prayer concerns to Fr. Mike or to a member of the prayer group so we may join with you in letting your requests and your thanksgivings be made known to God.

Why tell God what He already knows? We have been created for relationship:

"Keep beating the path to God's door, because the one thing you can be sure of is that down the path you beat with even your most half-cocked and halting prayer the God you call upon will finally come, and even if he does not bring you the answer you want, he will bring you himself. And maybe at the secret heart of all our prayers that is what we are really praying for." (Frederick Buechner)

† NOMINATIONS

2011 VESTRY

- Sue Ramsley, Senior Warden
 - Mitch Palmer, Junior Warden
 - To be determined*, Treasurer
 - Lynn Johnson, Clerk
 - Bob Snyder
 - Nancy Jennison
 - Pam Litchfield
 - Jennifer Cleveland
 - Liz Hutto
 - Jane Desilets
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DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINATIONS

- Chris Jennison
- Laurie LeBreque
- Mary Arnaut - Alternate

HMCM REPRESENTATIVES

- Bob Snyder
- Jiggs Kent
- Mary Arnaut
- Alternate: Sue Ramsley

STAFF POSITIONS

- Financial Officer/Asst. Treasurer – Mary Arnaut
- Sexton – Ruth (and Jim) Warner

2010 ANNUAL REPORT – ADDENDUM

† ST. PAUL'S 275TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Pam Litchfield

On September 25, 2010, St. Paul's Episcopal Church marked its 275th anniversary with a special celebration and fair. The festivities included children's games and activities, a bake sale and white elephant table, raffles, sales of memorabilia, a barbecue, and a historical presentation on the history of St. Paul's Church and the Hopkinton Community, given by local historian Chuck Joseph. The activities concluded with an historic evening prayer service. Joining the celebration were Hopkinton Selectwoman Michelle Gates who issued St Paul's an historic proclamation and State Representative Carolyn Dykema who issued a citation of congratulations from our State House of Representatives honoring the anniversary. And, another highlight of the day was a visit by interim priest Father Brian.

Many hands made the celebration a success. Committee members Jane Desilets, Mary Chase, Ruth Warner, Nancy and Chris Jennison and Pam Litchfield organized the event. The Desilets family worked tirelessly to serve a fabulous chicken barbecue. Eileen Slater and Jo Rector created a festive atmosphere with corn stalks, plants, pumpkins and gourds for decorations. St Paul's teens assisted with the festivities by offering games, face painting and pumpkin painting for little ones as well as manning our bake sale, memorabilia sale, bagged apple sales and raffle sale tables. Jessie Rector photographed our fun. Sue Ramsley worked with Father Mike to create a unique historic service. Many volunteers assisted with set up and clean up, and Ernie Paolini added an Italian flair to the day with his accordion playing.

The Celebration Committee was overwhelmed by our community's generosity! Local historian Chuck Joseph and DJ Carl Adams donated their services; SEI/Aaron's, Inc., through parishioner Mark Key, donated a 32" TV for raffle; tables and chairs were borrowed from Hopkinton's First Congregational Church; and Colella's Supermarket (chicken and salad supplier), Kelly's Farm in Upton (corn supplier) and Tougas Family Farm in Northboro (pumpkins and apples supplier) gave discounted prices.