

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING JANUARY 31, 2010

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REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2009

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Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, JANUARY 31, 2010
12:00 p.m. in the Community Hall

AGENDA

Opening Prayer and Greeting of Peace	The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon
Appointment of Clerk and Tellers*	
Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting (2/8/09)	
Election of Vestry Members and Convention Delegates	
Eligibility to vote	William M. Owen, Jr.
Introduction and Nomination of Vestry Candidates	
Balloting	
Nomination of Candidates for Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates	
Balloting	
Year in Review	The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon Marianne Wright, William M. Owen, Jr.
Treasurer's Report for 2009	Jane Sobota
2010 Stewardship Report	Jane Sobota, Joanne Scott
Presentation of 2010 Budget	Jane Sobota , Joanne Scott
Recognitions	The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon
Dismissal	The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon

*Tellers to be appointed if needed. The Clerk of the Vestry will serve as Secretary of the Annual Meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mark's Parish welcomes all into our community of faith as we grow in
Christ's love through lives of worship, learning, service and fellowship.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church 2009 Church Leadership

PARISH STAFF

The Reverend Andrew O'Connor, Priest-in-Charge (ended July 14, 2009)

The Reverend Carri Patterson Grindon, Rector (began September 1, 2009)

The Reverend Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook, Associate Rector

The Reverend Colin Brown, Ph.D., D.D. & The Reverend Pete Berry, Assisting

Dr. Doreen S. Oleson, Head of School

Carol Peters, Chancellor (resigned June, 2009)

Diane Killgore, Music Director

Robert Killgore, Organist

Jacqueline Dwight, Chorister Director

Tatiana Barzaghi, Bookkeeper

Joanne Morse, Office Administrator & Publisher

Lisa Auyong, Secretary

Mark Poynter, Sunday Sexton

Karen Kikkawa, Web-Sexton

Maria Horner: Children, Youth & Family Ministries Advisor

VESTRY

The Reverend Andrew O'Connor, Priest –in-Charge (ended July 14, 2009)

The Reverend Carri Patterson Grindon, Rector (began, September 1, 2010)

Jane Sobota, School Board Representative

Zachary Abbott ('12)

Marianne Wright, Senior Warden ('11)

Blanton Bartlett ('12)

William Owen, Junior Warden ('12)

Anne Browne ('12)

Jane Sobota, Treasurer

Roberta Goodman ('10)

Jannette Allen, Clerk of the Vestry

Chuck Currey ('10)

Jane Dillingham ('10)

Lori Noda ('10)

Paul McKinney ('11)

Sherry Wheelock ('11)

Kathy Talton Wilson ('11)

CONVENTION

Delegates:

Joanne Morse ('10), Keith West ('10),
Janis Rosebrook ('11), Bruce Linsenmayer ('12)

Alternates:

Terri Jones ('11), Erik Forrester ('11)
Lynn Marini ('12), Joseph Zanetta ('12)

**Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
2009 Parish Ministries**

Acolytes	Louise Carnevale, Sherry Wheelock	Missions Outreach	Anne Browne
Altar Guild	Susan Westcott	Altadena Food Pantry	Ingrid Goodman
Auction	Roxanne Treolar	Alternative Christmas Market	Anne Browne
Bible Study	Chuck Currey	Door of Hope	Nancy Cash
	Roberta Goodman	Music Programs	Diane Killgore
Book Group	Charlotte Mathews	Saint Mark's Choir	Diane Killgore
Chancellor	Carol Peters	Choristers	Jacqueline Dwight
Chaplain (school)		Handbell Choir	Diane Killgore
	The Rev. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook	Nursery Scheduling	Louise Carnevale
Children, Youth and Family Ministries		Parish Planning Council	Joanne Morse
	Maria Horner	School Prayer Partners	
Clergy Compensation Committee			The Rev. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook
	Craig Snodgrass	Scouts	
Craft Night	Charlotte Mathews	Boy Scouts	Allan Yovanovich, Scoutmaster
Daughters of the King	Debra Johnson	Cub Scouts	John Culpepper Pack 1 Coordinator
Junior Daughters of the King	Debra Johnson, Anne Browne	Search Committee	Reynolds Cafferata
Education For Ministry	Gini Berry	Saint Mark's School	Dr. Doreen Oleson
Family Fridays in Lent	Ruben & Desiree Cardenas	Tellers	William Owen
Healing Prayer Ministers		Ushers	Ron Veelik
	The Rev. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook	Wedding Coordinator	Lisa Auyong
Hospitality/Coffee Hour	Mark Poynter	Women's Soup / Supper	Jannette Allen, Betty Butler
Country Fair	Jane Sobota, Sherry Wheelock	Other Annual Events:	
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMS)		Maundy Thursday Supper	Altar Guild
	Bruce Linsenmayer	Shrove Tuesday Supper	Men's Fellowship
Intercessors			
	The Rev. Betsy-Hooper-Rosebrook		
Men's Fellowship	Tim Rutt		

SAINT MARK'S SCHOOL

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Alan Bates, *Chair*
Vicki Thompson, *Chair, Fiduciary Committee*
Nipa Cook, *Chair, Advancement Committee*
Midge Kimble, *Chair, Program Committee*
Elsa Banuelos, *Chair, Board Affairs*
Brent Lew, *Secretary*

Stephen Andriuzzo	Nancy Davidson	Doreen Oleson, EdD., <i>Head of School</i>
Seth Bass	Renato Halili	Bill Schleifer
Rob Berry, <i>Vestry Liaison</i>	Maria Horner	Jane Sobota
Jeanne Case	Roberta Goodman, <i>Vestry Liaison</i>	
Lisa Cochran	Jennifer Lum	Sherry y Wheelock, <i>Vestry Liaison</i>
Denise Momsen	Marianne Wright	

SCHOOL STAFF

Dr. Doreen Oleson, *Head of School*
Mrs. Susan Bosch, *Assistant Head of School*
Mrs. Annella Lewis, *Preschool Director*
The Rev. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook, *Chaplain*
Mrs. Ann Grimmer, *Chief Financial Office*
Mr. Franklyn Shen, *Business Manager*
Mrs. Susan Bradforth, *Director of Advancement*
Mrs. Joscelle Shen, *Director of Operations & Admissions*
Mrs. Julie Toyama, *Director of Day Care*
Mr. Rick Harris, *Director of Technology*
Mr. Dan Wachtel, *Facilities Manager*
Mrs. Pamela White, *Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Leslie Croyder, *Advancement Assistant*; Mrs. Lisa Cole, *Bookkeeper*;
Ms. Tonya Russell, *Office Clerk*
Ms. Sally Yingling, *Receptionist*; Mr. Adolpho Anaya, *Groundskeeper*;
Mr. Roberto Hernandez, *Custodian*; Ms. Dulce Hernandez, *Custodian*
Mr. Dan Lozier, *Chapel Organist*; Lisa Sylvester, *Chapel Organist*

Rector's Report

Rector's Report: How I Ate My Way Through the Last Third of 2009

One of the first questions I was asked by the Search Committee when we were in discernment together was “What is the first thing you would do as Rector of Saint Mark’s?” My response: “I would get to know you.” The Parish Profile taught me a lot about this place, but being with you in the flesh has been far more fruitful and a lot more fun. In my first months here, my primary work has been learning more deeply who you are: your names, your stories, your liturgy, your opinions, and all the ways you express your faith. In just five months as a member of the Saint Mark’s Community, I have already come to know which of the commandments is taken most seriously around here: FEED MY SHEEP. There was some indication of this in the Profile, but until I arrived, I could not have grasped the extent to which the work of nourishing God’s people takes center stage at Saint Mark’s. I highlight here some of the feasting and feeding done in this parish from September through December of 2009.

MEALS ON WHEELS, SAINT MARK’S STYLE

My family and I arrived in Altadena in mid-August, just in time for the Station Fire, and for the first 7 or 8 weeks here, we received no fewer than 18 meals from the hands and hearts of parishioners. What I have come to know is that this is not just the way you care for your new rector and her family, but it is the way you care for anyone among you in need, whatever the need. Many people in the year just past have also received nourishment from this church family through meals, childcare, home eucharists, hospital visits, building of ramps, walking of dogs, watering of roses, giving of rides, sharing of grief and joy. I have learned that you extend this kind of nurture beyond our immediate church family to places like Loma Alta School, the Food Pantry, and the Bad Weather Shelter.

VESTRY MEETINGS, STAFF MEETINGS AND OTHER EXCUSES TO EAT

Before my first staff meeting, Mother Betsy told me that there would be food. I assumed this was because it was my first meeting, and they wanted to make it a festive one. So far I have been unable to distinguish a festive meeting from a regular one. I’ve stopped assuming it must be someone’s birthday when I walk in and see a spread that more closely resembles a wedding reception than any staff meeting I’d ever attended before coming here. For our staff, eating and feeding are serious business. As I have met with them and worked alongside them, I have come to know each of them to be both conscientious and joyful in the work they have been given to do. They are a creative and caring and often hilarious group of people. They love this congregation and they love one another. They do both exceptionally well.

Others you have called into leadership are good eaters and feeders. One of the great joys of working with our Vestry, besides (surprise, surprise) the fact that all meetings begin with a hearty meal, has been discovering their willingness to engage any topic or entertain any new idea. In my effort to know them, I have begun staff meetings with times of reflection, and they have shared their thoughts and their hearts with me and with one another liberally. I have come to know them as a Vestry willing to dream and to take risks, and willing to serve as worker bees as well. In October, we made good on a promise to be the preparers and servers of a Middle-Eastern feast offered at the Spring Auction. Jane and Jeff Dillingham opened their home and, led by Jane, the entire Vestry worked as babysitters and decorators and sous chefs and servers and bartenders and dishwashers. I couldn’t help but think of Jesus with a towel around his waste. That night was no anomaly. Our Vestry sees themselves as servants.

Rector's Report

Rector's Report (continued)

KEEPING THE FEAST ON SUNDAYS

I've learned the feasting and feeding goes on in earnest on Sunday mornings, or any time we gather for worship. I've learned that *coffee hour* really means *all-you-can eat smorgasbord*, and that there are three of these every Sunday. I can, and often do, have three full meals before noon at church on Sunday. I've learned that this congregation continues to care for one another in and through our worship life. We are nourished at Christ's table, but we are also giving nourishment in the way we pray and give thanks and seek blessing for our members at special moments in their lives. I've had some favorite liturgical feasts this year. On **All Saints Sunday**, I enjoyed bringing a tradition of cross-making for our personal saints. I loved the way the parish embraced a new tradition, and was moved as our people carried their crosses in the procession. The collective generosity of our congregation on **Consecration Sunday** was beautiful. We offered our commitment of financial treasure with the same enthusiasm with which we offer our casseroles at coffee hour. And leave it to Saint Mark's to follow the Consecration Sunday liturgy with a celebratory and delicious brunch. We added a **Blue Christmas** service this year for anyone among us or in our greater community for whom Christmas is painful in any way. Masterminded by Celinda Pearson and Mother Betsy, and aided by others, many were fed by that quiet, reflective and comforting worship. In true Saint Mark's form, we gathered afterwards in the Library for warm food and drink. I now know what a *Christingle* is, and what a **Christingle Service** looks and feels like. It was more beautiful and reverent than I could have imagined, and I love that at Saint Mark's, even the candle-holders are edible.

SPIRITUAL HUNGER

I have been delighted to discover the attention given to the life and feeding of the spirit at Saint Mark's. Our active and long history of EfM (Education for Ministry) is impressive to me. That several of our members participate regularly in Bible Study, in the practice of Centering Prayer, in Daughters of the King and Jr. Daughters of the King is essential to the health and growth of this community. Christian Education for our children and youth is lively, and their leaders are hungry for ever deeper ways to share God's story and God's life with our youngest members. I have learned that our adults want even more ways to grow in their knowledge and love of God. I was welcomed into the Wednesday Morning Bible Study in December, and began with that group an exploration of Luke. As I seek to offer nourishment there, I notice I am fed by that faithful community, intellectually and spiritually.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

The months I have shared in 2009 with the Saint Mark's Community can be summed up in one word: abundance. You have filled me with all kinds of good things. I want you to know that I have my own storehouses I am eager to open, food I want to distribute, recipes I can't wait to share and create with my new church family: recipes for increasing our ability to serve more expansively, to worship even more deeply and beautifully, to learn and grow in our faith more broadly. I look forward to sharing myself and my gifts at Saint Mark's, and to seeing what God will cook up with all we bring to the table.

~The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon
~Rector

Saint Mark's Parish Vestry Reports

Senior and Junior Wardens' Report

What a year it has been! The U.S. economy, on the top of the news, had severe ups and downs, and even with a new president with high hopes, it was a difficult and challenging year for many Americans. Saint Mark's was no exception, as a number of families at our church and school struggled with job loss or underemployment. God's love and the community of Saint Mark's helped us all get through the year with 2010 breaking with slightly improved economic forecasts.

As we kept telling the Vestry, "It will take as long as it takes"—and it finally did! The two-year process of calling a Rector came to a wonderful conclusion on Tuesday, June 2nd when the Saint Mark's Vestry called The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon. Follow-up negotiations involving the Compensation Committee and the Vestry culminated on Sunday, June 7th with a Vestry vote on the final benefits package. The good news was announced to the parish on Sunday, June 14th. Pastor Carri was called from St. Anne's in Atlanta where she had been an associate for the past three years. The call meant that her family—husband Al, two daughters Lucy (12) and Sophie (9), and dog Binkley—would also be moving to the Altadena area. Finding temporary housing, getting their home in Atlanta ready to sell, schools for the girls, employment for Al, packing and moving, all meant a busy summer for the Grindons as they prepared to come out to California and to their new home at Saint Mark's. Daughter Lucie is currently a 7th grader at Mayfield Jr. School, Sophie a 4th grader at Saint Mark's School. They found temporary housing in Altadena where several Saint Mark's families live.

The calling of a new Rector meant a goodbye to our Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Andrew O'Connor, who had led us through this transition period with grace and courage. He was with us for almost two years, having been appointed by Bishop Bruno in September 2007. In a slightly different take on the search process, the Priest-in-Charge designation meant that Andrew could be a candidate for the Rector position if he so chose. Fr. Andrew was part of the process, but our Search Committee determined that his qualifications were not a good match to the Parish Profile. His departure in July was marked by a fabulous send-off from the parish, including an abbreviated version of our famous "Saint Mark's Follies." Fr. Andrew was called as Rector to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas, in August, and he started his ministry with them in September.

We would also like to thank our Associate, The Rev. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook. This time of change also asked a great deal of the parish support staff, especially our Associate. Mo. Betsy's leadership, care and dedication to Saint Mark's became even more evident during this time, and we thank her for her calling here.

The Vestry's plate was not quite as full as the previous year. With the website in place and the search process in full gear, the Vestry could focus on the final portion of the search process, the calling of a Rector, and stewardship in trying economic times. Long range planning, both facility and program, were put on hold, in part waiting for the final Rector call, but predominantly due to the economic climate. Nevertheless, the Vestry did fund an Endowment, with \$100,000 coming from bequests by Roger and Molly Russell and Rick Seabold and an additional \$1,082 given in memory of Barbara Haines.

Saint Mark's Parish Vestry Reports

Senior Warden's Report (continued)

Last year also saw the long-awaited renovation of the church library. The old wood paneling is gone, and we have fresh paint, reupholstered chairs, new sofas, and a huge new bookcase. We repainted the Youth Group room and got new furniture for the Rector's office, too. We give thanks to all those who contributed over the years to the "Colin and Olive Brown Library," to Robin Ross who coordinated the renovation projects and made it happen, and great thanks to the Men's Group for their sweat equity, turning this project from a dream into reality.

In March, Saint Mark's received the wonderful, unexpected news that Dwight Newell had left us half a million dollars. The Vestry expects to use most of that money for an equity share agreement with Pastor Carri: we contribute a share of the purchase price of a house, and we receive the initial principal investment and our share of any appreciation when it is sold. This sort of arrangement is increasingly common, and we are ever so grateful that Saint Mark's now has the resources to do it.

For stalwart support, as always, thanks to the Saint Mark's Parent Association, and Presidents Alison Laster and Jane Sobota. The Church and School participate in two joint fundraisers during the year. We split the proceeds equally from the Auction and dinner in the Spring and the Country Fair in the Fall. These fundraising activities represent almost 10% of our church budget, so we are grateful to all those who put their time, treasure and talent into these events. A report on these two important community building and fundraising events is outlined in this Annual Report.

We are also grateful this year for our Stewardship campaign. For the third year at Consecration Sunday, our congregation was invited to deepen our gratitude for God's presence and gifts in our lives, providing an opportunity for us to respond to God with increased generosity through the commitment of our financial treasure. With our financial commitment to Saint Mark's, we give of ourselves and our treasure, and our life in God's love grows ever stronger. After carefully considering the amount of their pledge for 2010 at the various services, congregation members were treated to a catered breakfast by The Spot, with all paper goods for the event completely recycled by Waste Less Living. We welcomed Richard Felton, Interim Director of Development for Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, to all three services as our special guest preacher.

This has been our third year as Senior and Junior Warden. We are grateful for the service that we have been able to give to Saint Mark's, and the difference that it has made in our lives. We especially want to thank our families, whose unwavering support for time away from home has made it possible to lead this congregation through this 2-year time of transition. Most of all, we must thank each of you, the people of Saint Mark's, for your patience and continued faithfulness: faith not just in ourselves and in each other, but in the One who has called us into this small piece of our "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church."

*~Marianne Wright, Senior Warden
~Bill Owen, Junior Warden*

Saint Mark's Parish School Chaplaincy Report

School Chaplain's Report

In June, I celebrated 10 years at Saint Mark's Church and School; the time has gone quickly, and I love my work as much as the day I started. The particular blessing of a decade of ministry here is in the relationships: being present with people through the ups and downs of life, seeing children arrive as timid preschoolers and graduate as confident 6th graders, coming to know whole families.

As chaplain at Saint Mark's School, my most visible ministry is planning and leading chapel for the elementary classes every Tuesday and Thursday, and for the preschool classes twice a month. Chapel services focus on teaching the children about God's love for them and about our calling to share that love through our words and actions. I also introduce topics about the Bible, the Church and the Christian year, prayer, respect for other religious traditions, and moral/ethical challenges.

Our long-time chapel organist, Mr. Dan Lozier, retired in June; he was a wonderful partner in ministry and I am grateful for our 10 years serving together. In September, Dr. Lisa Sylvester took over as our chapel organist, bringing new gifts and creativity to our chapel worship. I'm thankful for the assistance as well of guest preachers: Pastor Carri Patterson Grindon, Dr. Doreen Oleson (head of school), each class in turn, and a variety of other guests who shared with us on topics from guide dogs to the gospel through hula. To encourage leadership development, all grades rotate the jobs of crucifer, acolytes, reader, prayer leader, ushers, and bell ringer. In addition to leading chapel, I also participate in classroom and all-school activities, plan special events, respond to teacher requests for class visits, and initiate opportunities for further contact with students in various settings.

I have the privilege of being pastor, priest, friend, guide, and listener for the 350 children in the school, their families, and the school staff. Before, during, and after school I'm easily found for casual conversations, as well as more formal contact on the phone or by appointment, on topics ranging from faith to parenting, relationships to current events. This ministry is primarily one of outreach to and care for the Saint Mark's School community, though from time to time these relationships do lead families to Saint Mark's Church. In all that I do as chaplain, I aim to communicate faith in a relationship with the Lord, and to offer each person the reminder that she or he is a beloved child of God.

*~The Rev. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook
~Chaplain*

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year 2009 Treasurer's Report

2009 Year-End Details:

Another economically challenging year has passed and our Parish has weathered the test again with flying colors.

Our pledge income was somewhat lower than we had hoped for at the beginning of this year. Some Parish members found it difficult to keep up with their pledge commitments, and the deficit of pledge collections from those individuals who couldn't pay their pledges in full totaled about \$19,000, constituting just more than 7%. Based on past history, we had budgeted a possible shortfall on pledge payments of only about 5%, so this difference was significant. However, this was offset by the generosity of other pledging members who contributed about \$13,000 more than they had originally committed. This resulted in a total net deficit in pledge receipts of only 2.5% overall. In contrast, we received very generous loose plate and holiday collections throughout the year. However, our income from the Spring Auction was almost 14% lower than expected and our interest income was also much lower than expected when we developed the 2009 budget a year ago. When the dust finally settled, our total revenue exceeded what we had budgeted by about \$8,400.

On the plus side as well, our expenses were below what we had projected by almost 4%. Once again, our dedicated, thoughtful and efficient office staff of Joanne Morse, Lisa Auyong and Tatiana Barzaghi controlled our office spending and the leaders of our various ministries ensured that they spent only on necessities this year, deferring discretionary spending until a year when our resources are more abundant. Marianne Wright, who has served diligently as Senior Warden again in this past year, has also represented the church on the Joint Maintenance Committee and the School Board of Trustees and ensures that the church interests are being served in paying only its fair portion of the shared school/church expenses.

At the beginning of 2009 we pledged a minimal Mission Share Fund payment. We had already pre-paid a portion from our abundance at the end of 2008 and pledged another \$13,000 spread over the year. Along with restricted gifts made specifically for the 2009 Mission Share Fund, we paid the Diocese a total of \$22,645, representing a 7.1% contribution for the 2009 fiscal year. On this past Friday, in accordance with the directive of the Vestry and after the reconciliation of the books had been completed with all of our income properly accounted, we executed two final checks to the Treasurer of the Diocese in the amount of \$15,484, bringing our total to \$38,129, constituting a 12% total contribution for 2009.

Happily, we are able to report that, like last year when we experienced a bountiful 2008 financial year, our 2009 fiscal year was again a profitable one, although our surplus was a more modest one. Our net balance at the end of the year represented a "gain" of almost \$5,000 even after our full 12% Mission Share Fund had been paid. We have been incredibly fortunate in the past several years for the increasing generosity of our parishioners and have returned much to our reserve accounts during the past few years when our financial condition has flourished beyond our expectations. We will look forward to financially abundant years to come again but, in the meantime, we are planning for a modest year in 2010.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Although not available for supporting annual budgetary needs, it is nonetheless notable that we were also blessed with some gifts made to the church by the estates of former parishioners and friends of Saint Mark's during this past year. We are fortunate that these individuals thought so highly of our Parish that they included us in their last wishes. Some of these gifts were pre-designated; others have helped to seed the establishment of our Endowment Fund and remaining funds have been placed in secure accounts earning small dividend interests which we are using to help support our general annual Parish needs.

2010 Budget:

We are looking forward to this year as another challenging one, and are prepared to remain very conservative in both our budgeting and our spending. Despite our concerns about what the coming year has in store for us, our parishioners have generously and faithfully pledged a total income higher than ever before. We have budgeted very cautiously for unforeseen circumstances that may prevent a portion of those pledges from being completely fulfilled, but we are confident that everyone will prayerfully maintain their pledge payments to the very best of their abilities this year.

The Finance Committee, comprising Pastor Carri, Rob Berry, Bill Owen, Joanna Scott (our new Treasurer,) Marianne Wright and myself, reviewed this past year's income and spending and made recommendations to the Vestry. The budget included the known income from this past year's Country Fair, conservative estimates of income from this coming spring's church/school Auction and educated guesses of our expenses based on the past two years' history. The Vestry accepted the Finance Committee's recommendations and included a commitment for a 12% Mission Share Fund contribution. This resulted in a "faith gap" of about \$27,000 in our 2010 budget where expenses exceed anticipated income by that amount. It is highly notable, however, that if every pledging parishioner fulfilled his or her pledge **in full** during the year, that gap will be **completely** filled by their faithfulness to their stated commitment to this Parish. It was daunting for the Vestry to endorse an unbalanced budget, particularly in light of the current economic climate, however, the Vestry remains strongly dedicated to paying all of our bills and commitments and considers Mission Share to be as significant an obligation as that of any other we have.

The Vestry plans to remain watchful during the year and remains committed to keeping the Parish informed on a regular basis of the state of the finances. We have transitioned in the 2010 fiscal year to maintaining our general budget utilizing a software tool that is considerably easier and faster to use and manage. Monthly reports to the Vestry will likely be more informative and clearer to understand in terms of how our financial condition is progressing during the year and that information will be passed along to the congregation. In this way, we can all participate in ensuring that we keep on-track as the year progresses so that we can end successfully in December.

During the past seven years in which I have had the honor and privilege of serving as Treasurer of this Parish, I have witnessed an enormous change in the way that our Vestry, clergy and Parish have approached the issue of finances. As a group, we are more open to discussing money, we are becoming more innovative in considering fundraising and stewardship, and we are more interested in knowing and understanding the details of how much we have and for what it's being used.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report (continued)

We are incredibly blessed in Pastor Carri who is genuinely interested in understanding the financial details, the history of certain elements of the budget over time, and actively participating in the budgeting process and then management of the finances. She understands when we discuss numbers and financial controls and even the difference between accrual and cash-basis accounting. With her support the finances of the church can only become stronger and more solid over time. Marianne Wright has been of unspeakable value in her roles as both Senior Warden and liaison between the church and school concerning shared maintenance issues and the financing of shared expenses; her understanding of those matters has been critical in the formation of a solid budgeting tool for the past several years. Marianne has been selfless in support of this church and her encouragement and generosity of spirit have been deeply appreciated. Bill Owen has the institutional memory and knowledge of the accounting software that we've been using for ages and his support and participation on the Finance Committee, as Lead Teller and as the de facto Stewardship chairperson (and former Treasurer himself) has been invaluable. He has never declined to help or participate in a meeting, even if he had to do it by remote phone call or come into the church office way after-hours. Joanna Scott, our new Treasurer for 2010, is the warmest, kindest, most competent individual we could ever have asked to step into this role for our Parish. She already has more than a passing familiarity with our accounting system and chart of accounts, having taken the lead in auditing our past two fiscal year books. She has already fully immersed herself in the finances at the end of this past year and has helped in more ways than I can mention in making final adjustments to the 2009 books for close-out. She is fully prepared to jump in at the beginning of this year to manage the analysis of our financial condition. Both the outgoing and incoming Vestry members are the most committed, supportive, intelligent and faithful group of individuals we could want to represent us in guiding this Parish. Despite the challenges presented in the upcoming year, I am assured that they have and will continue to make the most intellectually well-informed and spiritually-focused decisions for our congregation and I am exceptionally grateful for their support and proud to have been part of their ranks during these years.

Our Parish remains strong, both spiritually and financially, in spite of the economic troubles of our country and smaller community. It is our commitment to God and one another that helps us to remain hopeful and faithful about overcoming our difficulties. We have so much to be thankful for as a Parish and I am indebted to every one of you for contributing to the growth and amazing success of Saint Mark's Parish!

Respectfully submitted,
~Jane P. Sobota
~Treasurer

Saint Mark's Parish Ministries and Program Reports

1) School Report

January, 2010

Dear Parishioners at Saint Mark's Church,

This Annual Report showcases another successful year at Saint Mark's School. We look forward to our fiftieth year in 2010, but we have much to celebrate now. We are living our strong mission... Our full enrollment is representative of the diversity present in our neighborhood and community. Our faculty and staff are of unequalled quality. Our graduates are thriving in the most rigorous of secondary schools in the San Gabriel Valley. Our alumni in colleges across this nation are being prepared for meaningful and productive 21st century lives. Our current students in preschool through Grade 6 are not only learning important skills, but they participate in service learning opportunities that touch our neighborhood, our region and our world in faraway places like Malawi, Haiti and Kenya.

Despite downturns in our economy, we have been able to sustain a strong program that invites creativity, innovation and inclusion. Our joint fundraisers, the Country Fair and the Auction, netted excellent proceeds to both the Church and the School. In addition, we as strong partners were able to maintain a beautiful and safe plant and campus.

In 2009, we dedicated time and resources embracing the tenets of differentiated instruction and technology. We provided numerous opportunities for our students to be immersed in new technologies and expanded opportunities for our faculty to address more and wider different learning styles and motivations.

As an Episcopal Parish Day School, we steadfastly embrace character, integrity, inclusion and hard work as core values. We treasure the work of our dedicated board of trustees, our devoted parents, our loyal alumni, our loving grandparents, and you, our generous friends, whose collective commitment truly support and sustain our mission to educate young people in an inclusive and caring environment.

Your gifts and continuing support of Saint Mark's School enable all 350 of our students to develop, achieve, and make a difference in this world. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your thoughtful and kind prayers, your undivided generosity, and your support of our programs and activities.

Sincerely yours,
~Doreen Oleson, Ed.D.
~Head of School

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2) Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a quiet, behind-the-scenes group who enjoy looking after the linens, candles, silver and brass that play a big part in the Christian rituals of the church. Trimming candles, arranging flowers, changing Altar frontals, laundering linens, preparing the Sanctuary for each service, and decorating the church for special holidays, i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, and hosting the Maundy Thursday Agapé Supper are all part of the work they do. The group meets once a month on the 2nd Sunday morning, except through the summer.

A lucrative task that the guild organizes is the ordering and selling of the Christmas greens to parish members and Saint Mark's school families. With this added money, the Altar Guild is able to purchase necessary supplies, refinish damaged silver and brass, and give a gift to the church's Mission Share. The Guild also donated a decorating team for Christmas of greens/poinsettia for the Auction. The Guild has decided to offer the decorating gift again for the 2010 Auction. Our greens sale was very successful and the Guild wishes to thank everyone who purchased greens.

The Altar Guild is a friendly group and would welcome new members into their midst with open arms. Our members include Joan Painter, Tom Hooper-Rosebrook, Diana deNoyelles, Merrill Somerville, Ann Waddell, Susan Westcott, Susanne Peace, Robin Ross, Jill Farmer, Beth Owen, Roberta Goodman, Nadine Hegamin, Ann Schofield-Osaki, Ann Jopling, Helen Harris, and Christina Thom. We are happy to welcome as new member Karen Rogers, Jill McDowell and Patricia Gonzales.

Our member at large is Charlotte Mathews who has retired, but remains a source of wonderful information and ideas and still put her 'two cents in' when we need her. She even does flowers like a professional!

Please contact Susan Westcott (626-398-1490) or Joanne Morse (626-798-5487) for more information.

~ *Susan Westcott*
~Director

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3) Auction and Country Fair

Saint Mark's Spring Auction – April 25, 2009

The 2009 Saint Mark's School and Church Spring Auction, "Reach for the Stars", was held in April on the grounds of the Halverson Estate, home of Shan and Mark Halverson. We would like to thank the Halversons for their generosity in opening their beautiful home and grounds for Saint Mark's Auction. It was a lovely evening. Roxanne Treloar, mom to Aaron who currently is a fourth grader at Saint Marks, chaired the Auction. The event brought \$21,500 to the church. Once again, church and school families came together to benefit the Saint Mark's Community. Several members of the church participated in the mailing of invitations, working on the production and technical issues, staffing the check-in and check-out tables throughout the evening, event bookkeeping as well as attendance and sponsorships. The church Men's Fellowship helped with bartending and the Youth Group helped with the computer data entry. The Vestry auctioned off a fabulous Mediterranean dinner for 20 hosted by the Dillinghams that was held in September. Diners were treated to a fabulous gourmet dinner cooked by our own Jane Dillingham. Vestry members served dinner in the poolside patio that was beautifully decorated in Mediterranean style by Vestry member Lori Noda. Guests were treated to entertainment provided by church member Katrelya Angus. The Sobota Family graciously offered child-care for the event. This event was a huge success!

Saint Mark's Country Fair - October 24, 2009

The 2009 Saint Mark's School and Church Country Fair was held on a sunny and warm October day on the grounds of Saint Mark's campus. The event chairs were Michelle Nydam, Caroline Racho, Melinda Stahl and Teena Tucker. The event brought approximately \$9,500 to the church, (final numbers will be in the 2010 annual budget). There was a considerable church participation in the event from underwriting event costs by parish members, sponsorship by the Vestry and School Board. Many church members participated in bookkeeping, publicity, staffing booths (Youth Group and church members), donating crafts and baked goods. Again our Men's Fellowship provided their bartending skills. Church members chaired the Media and Craft booths and the Pumpkin booth had donations procured by the Bass Family from Lombardy Farms, who have been faithful friends of this event for many years.

~Sherry Wheelock

~Vestry Liaison to the School Board

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4) Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Brown's Library: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Sunday morning finds many members of our Saint Mark's family gathered in round-table fashion, reading aloud straight through a Book of the Bible. Reading from a variety of translations, we experience a broad, colorful spectrum of God's Word to His children. Personal testimonies and experiences are freely exchanged, offering encouragement and insight. We had one guest convener, Al Grindon, who gave us an understanding of St. Francis of Assisi. Having read through the New Testament from Matthew to Revelation, (yes, even Revelation), we currently are reading again through St. John's Gospel. Please COME and join us in our exploration of Scripture!

~ Chuck Currey
~ Roberta Goodman

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Brown's Library, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Following a long established tradition, our Wednesday morning Bible study continued through 2009. In Matthew 9:13, Jesus told His critics to "Go and learn what this means, *I desire mercy and not sacrifice*" (Hosea 6:6). In a word search in both old and new Testaments, we have learned that the word here translated *mercy* is the ancient Hebrew word *hhesed*, and is variously translated throughout our English Bible *as mercy, kindness, loving kindness, love, merciful kindness* or some such combination. What a delight to the soul, to find that throughout Scripture, our Heavenly Father's eager and ardent *desire*, His *will* for his children, is '*hhesed*.'

What an added '*hhesed*' t have our own Pastor Carri now convening our study! The new liturgical year having begun, we are now reading through the Gospel of St. Luke. *COME* join us in our spiritual journey.

~Roberta Goodman

5) Book Group

Every Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m., ten or twelve people meet in someone's home (usually Jean Loberg's) to read and discuss a book. Each book takes forever to read, because we like to relate its thoughts to our own lives.

The group started a number of years ago with one of its members being Kathy Korn, who is blind (and still comes). Therefore, we read the book aloud, so that she could participate. We have continued that habit to this day, since it lends itself so well to commentary.

Everyone is welcome to join us. In 2009, we finished "The Secret Life of Bees" and "The Tea-Olive Bird Watching Society" by Augusta Troubaugh, which we liked so much that we started a hymn singing group on the second Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at Jean's house. Great fun! We went on to read "Quaker Summer" by Lisa Samson and greatly enjoyed that on also. Currently we're into "The Ladies Auxiliary" by Tova Mirvis, which is about a Jewish enclave in Memphis. The characters are totally enjoyable and our only problem is that the book uses (Jewish) words with which we are unfamiliar, such as shabbos, shul, Kiddush, etc., so we are getting educated looking these things up in the dictionary!

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5) Book Group (continued)

As one of our group said, "Be sure to let them know that it isn't so much the books we read as it is the wonderful fellowship we enjoy!" So come join us and put your two cents worth in...and enjoy the fellowship with us!

~Charlotte D. Mathews
~Coordinator

6) Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is open to all who would like to escape the rush of life to catch their breath and be nourished by twenty minutes of silence with Our Lord. We meet every Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library and every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Pippi and Chuck Currey (please directory for address and phone number). No prior experience is necessary.

~ Pippi Currey
~ Convener

7) Children, Youth and Families

In the Fall of 2006, a group of interested adults met to discuss the current programs serving children and youth at Saint Mark's and to brainstorm ideas to increase the size and impact of these programs. As a result of this and subsequent meetings, the programs and ministries serving children, youth and families were gathered under one umbrella with the goal of better serving the congregation.

In the Fall of 2007, the Vestry adopted a mission statement for Children, Youth and Families (CYF) ministries:

The Saint Mark's family celebrates and encourages the ministry of children and is committed to nurturing families to live a Christ-centered life.

The mission statement uses the following guiding scripture:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deut. 6:4-9

For more information on any of the CYF programs and ministries, or to volunteer your time and expertise, please contact Maria Horner (398-3824 or maria@catalinainlandcamps.com).

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CYF (continued)

Acolytes

Co-Directors: Louise Carnevale and Sherry Wheelock

Acolytes 2009-2010

This year we have 25 acolytes that make up 5 teams. Because we had quite a few new acolytes join the teams, we now have a banner bearer on each.

This year we have no acolytes at the 7:45 a.m. service. This is traditionally the service at which only senior acolytes serve. However, we have but one senior this year, Henry Carnevale, and we need him to lead his team at the 10:30 a.m. service.

We continue with our plan to impress upon all acolytes the true nature of their service. We hope to communicate the formality and honor of serving God. Since 2008 we have stopped inviting 5th graders to become acolytes, instead making 6th graders the youngest on the teams. Just one more year makes a big difference to maturity levels, enough to make the training and sitting still a bit easier.

All families in the congregation with children who will be in the 6th grade in September will receive a letter in the spring informing them of the training times and dates.

If you want to know more about the acolytes, please call **Louise Carnevale** (626-358-6331) or **Sherry Wheelock** (626-355-9733)

*~Louise Carnevale
~Sherry Wheelock
~Co-Directors*

Christmas Pageant

Pageant Directors: Karen Kikkawa, Jennifer Molebash, Sherry Kully

The 2009 Christmas Pageant was a huge success, with over 60 children reenacting the story of Christ's birth. The pageant continues to grow, thanks to dedicated parents who volunteer their time to preparations and rehearsals. This year's pageant was followed by our third annual parish-wide Advent Party in the Community Hall, which featured potluck dishes from parishioners. To participate in next year's pageant, watch the newsletter and the Sunday bulletins for information about casting and rehearsals.

Community Camp

Co-Directors: Tom and Maria Horner

Over Memorial Day weekend, over 140 members of the Saint Mark's Community traveled to Catalina Island for fun and fellowship. This year's trip was again made easier by Jeff Dillingham's generous donation of a truck to move all of our luggage to the boat terminal in San Pedro! While on the Island, we swam, kayak, hiked, crafted, sang, played, climbed, scaled the ropes course and had a great time being together. The weekend provided an incredible opportunity for church families to spend time together, and we're already looking forward to this year's trip. Mark your calendars for May 29-31, 2010. More information will be available in March.

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Family Fridays

Each year during Lent, Friday is Family Night! At 6:30 p.m., we meet in the home of a host family near the church. We enjoy a potluck supper as families arrive from work to join us. Child care is provided on site, so children are with their friends. At 7:30 p.m., a featured speaker addresses us on a family-related issue of interest, with time for questions and discussion. By 8:40 p.m., we finish with prayer and head home, happier and richer for this fellowship.

This Lent, Family Fridays are scheduled for February 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26. Look for details in the newsletter and in Sunday's bulletins.

Nursery

Care providers: Susan Westcott, Carmen Luna

Held in the preschool class downstairs, our nursery care room is staffed by skilled childcare providers and a youth assistant every Sunday. Our nursery frees parents to enjoy the worship service, knowing their children are safe and secure.

Sunday School

Preschool: Mary Herman, Kathy Talton-Wilson, Jennifer Molebash

Kindergarten/First Grade: Gini Berry; Stephen Hooper-Rosebrook (assistant)

Second/Third Grade: Debra Johnson

Fourth/Fifth Grade: Lisa Sylvester

Middle School: Philip Molebash

Sunday School continued to grow in 2009. On an average Sunday, about 20 children preschool-grade 8 participate in a lectionary-based program facilitated by dedicated volunteer teachers. In December, we launched a new curriculum, *Seasons of the Spirit*, which integrates scripture with music, art and other age-appropriate activities.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with Sunday School. If you're interested, contact the church office.

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Youth Group

Middle School Advisors: Maura Schmitz, David Killgore, Kevin Killgore

High School Advisor: Maria Horner, Ingrid Goodman, Paul McKinney

Spiritual Advisor: Debra Johnson

Saint Mark's Youth Group welcomes students in the 6th grade and up. We currently have over 30 members meeting each Sunday afternoon from 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. The entire group begins together in prayer and the divides into middle and high school groups for lessons before re-grouping for snack and closing.

In addition to regular meetings, both groups participated in activities organized by the youth ministers our deanery. We joined with youth from All Saints By the Sea (Montecito) for a ski/snowboard trip in February.

In October, both groups traveled to Catalina Island for a deanery retreat.

As in previous years, the youth group provided service to the St. Mark's community. They continue to run the Easter Egg Hunt and the Christingle-making party. They also led a special Stations of the Cross for families on Good Friday.

This Fall, we welcomed David and Kevin Killgore to the ranks of youth group leader. They joined Maura in leadership of our energetic middle school group.

~Maria Horner

~Children, Youth & Families Ministries Advisor

8) Craft Nights

Craft nights give members of the parish and their friends and neighbors the chance to multi-task in the most relaxed way possible—we tend to our friendships and community connections while we putter along at whatever handicraft appeals to us most. In 2009, Saint Mark's crafters hung out in the Church Library on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to work on their own knitting, embroidery, beading, scrapbooks, and other projects, and in the worst of the summer heat, sheltered in the relative coolness of the church office. We celebrated some birthdays and were thankful for one another. Participants ranged in age from about 4 years to 88, and both sexes were represented. Even if your hobby is chatting, or your idea of a craft is sewing on buttons or balancing your checkbook, join us on Tuesday evenings. We'd love your company.

~Terri Jones and Charlotte D. Mathews

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9) Daughters of the King (DOK)



In this past year, DOK has been blessed with the receipt of almost 707 prayer requests. Beth Owen has faithfully updated the list several times a week to keep us apprised of changes.

We received a new member Charlotte Hovencamp on November 15th. We lost one of our beloved sisters Olive Brown on September 6, 2009, who always shared a smile and her love for children. We currently have about 23 members and are always eager to welcome any woman who is called to prayer and service. Feel free to visit the National Website for more information regarding the National Prayer Order www.dok-national.org

In 2009 we sponsored Lynn Marini to attend the Triennial Convention. We hosted a Quiet Day led by our own Pippi Currey, which was spirit-filled, and very well received. This will be an annual event on the **second Saturday in November**. Also in 2009, we started Angel Card Ministry using the beautiful cards from our blessed Angel Barbara Haines (with the Lord 3/17/2008); we send handwritten cards to those we are praying for or just thinking of. Our own Vice President Charlotte Mathews also leads a lighthearted, blessed Tuesday craft night, in addition we continue to give our hand-made blankets, that we pray over to comfort those in need.

Daughters of the King is open to any woman 17 years and up who is called to Prayer and Service as their mission.

Blessed Women of St Marks Altadena Chapter #1925, hold their regular prayer meetings usually on the first Sunday 8:45 a.m. in the Community Hall. And an optional **business** meeting on the last Sunday during Coffee Hour. Feel free to visit our church website for updates and other fun information.

Current officers, Debra A. Johnson, President; Charlotte Mathews, Vice-President; Nancy Cash, Secretary; and Beth Owen, Treasurer.

Prayerfully,
~Debra A. Johnson
~President

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DOK (continued)

Junior Daughters of the King

Junior Daughters of the King (DOK) What Junior Daughters Do

Make a promise of daily prayer and service to our Lord Jesus

Make a promise to be Christ's faithful servants and to extend His Love to all people

Work to grow in our Christian faith and commitment through fellowship, prayer and Bible study

~

Saint Mark's **Junior Daughters of Grace and JOY #907**, formed in 2006, is under the guidance and support of Saint Mark's Senior Chapter. Our Senior Daughter Co-Directress' are: Anne Browne and Debra A. Johnson. Our charter members are: Sophie Carnavale, Madeline Currey, and Alexandrina Gonzales. On November 15, 2009, we received six new members: Brenda Anderson, Ashley Banks, Corah Forrester, Jamie Gallo, Sophie Grindon, Emily Wright! What a blessing! During 2008- 2009, the girls volunteered at the ACTS Food Pantry in Altadena, Alternative Market, Bad Weather Shelter, Door of HOPE, and educational "Green Minute" skits or announcements geared toward the youth regarding the importance of preserving the environment during 10:30 a.m. church service. This is in keeping with our Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), our concentration being #1-feeding the homeless, and #7-preserving the environment. In addition most of the girls are involved in other outreach projects with their school and family.

Junior Daughters are baptized girls and young women from 7 to 20 years of age, with the option of transferring to the adult group at 17 years old. The DOK mission is prayer and service.

Our regular meetings are held every first Sunday in the Library during Coffee Hour, 11:30-12:15 p.m., where we pray, study the word fellowship, and plan our service projects for the month. Encouraging our girls to pray, mentor and give back, leaving this place better than they found it. For more information an a membership form, contact the church office, 626-798-6747 or visit the website: www.saintmarksaltadena.org.

*~Debra A. Johnson and Anne Browne
~Co-Directors*

10) Education For Ministry (EfM)

Every year but one since 1988, Saint Mark's has sponsored Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year, college-level, small group course designed to help adults deepen their knowledge of the Christian tradition and explore how their faith informs, challenges, and supports the lives to which they are called. There are no exams to pass, or papers to write: an EfM class meets weekly about nine months of the year to discuss shared reading assignments in Hebrew Scripture, the New Testament, church history, and theology, and to consider how what they have read relates to their own experiences and their individual call to ministry.

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EfM is offered through the extension program of the Episcopal School of Theology at the University of the South, coordinated through our local diocese, and led by trained mentors. It is a four year program that requires a commitment of one year at a time. After four years, participants receive a certificate of completion.

In addition to their studies, Saint Mark's EfM class and its alumni sponsor a book fair in November, coordinated again this year by Jim Whisenant and Susan Dow through the Fuller Theological Book Store. Proceeds went to support the Saint Mark's EfM Scholarship Fund, and EfM is grateful for to Jim, Susan, and their family for all their hard work!

In 2009, EfM hosted five Wednesday night Soup Suppers in Lent centered around the theme of "Praying Beyond Words". Plans for the 2010 Lenten program are already in progress, and we will use the California Council of Churches' curriculum on six of the world's major religions.

EfM currently has the following participants: Diane Carey-Schmitz, Roberta Goodman, Martha Hogan, Bill Owen, Tom Rosebrook, Mary Anna Soifer, Christina Thom, Kim Watkins, Mark Pointer and Sherry Wheelock. Congratulations to our 2009 graduates: Ingrid Goodman, Maria Horner, Diane Killgore, and Rose West.

We welcome additional students in the Fall of 2010. Are you interested? Curious? Want to know more? Contact Gini Berry, Terri Jones, Diane Carey-Schmitz or any of the members of this year's group!

*~ Gini Berry and Terri Jones
~ Co-mentors*

11) Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee continues its education program to create the tools necessary to plan your Will or Living Trust. Our agenda is basically an enduring anti-procrastination awareness program. We will continue offering seminars, brochures and articles on Planned Giving at St. Mark's, to protect and benefit the future of your family. Just remember when creating your Trust or Will, how important St. Mark's Episcopal Church is to you and future generations!

*~ Robert Bowdoin
~ Endowment Chair*

12) Healing Prayer Ministry

At the 10:30 a.m. service, trained lay ministers are available to pray during communion with those who have a special concern, thanksgiving, or need for healing in their life or the lives of those they love. Ann Jopling and Nancy Lockwood, who have both served as healing prayer ministers since we began 5 years ago, retired this year, and Roberta Goodman and Pippi Currey began to serve in December. Thanks to each of them, and to our other volunteers for their dedication to this ministry in 2009: Betty Butler, Denise Momsen, Debra Johnson, Alice McCann.

~The Rev. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook

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13) Hospitality, a.k.a Coffee Hour

The Saint Mark's Hospitality Committee is responsible for providing coffee hours after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and is chaired by Mark Poynter. Special thanks go to Ruth Geibel & Nancy Rothwell for providing coffee hours every week after the 7:45 a.m. Sunday service! Coffee hours after the 10:30 a.m. service were provided by coffee hour teams, Vestry members, the Youth Group, and generous individuals.

The 9:00 Family Service has a rotating list of parishioners who provide coffee, punch and snacks.

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to coffee hours in 2009, with special thanks going to the individual sponsors. With your help, we were successful in making St. Mark's a welcoming place!

We are currently putting together the coffee hour teams and scheduling sponsors for 2010. Training will be provided to anyone who volunteers. If you are interested in doing a coffee hour, being a serving volunteer, or sponsoring a coffee hour by donating money or food, please contact Mark Poynter.

~Mark Poynter
~Hospitality Chair

14) Intercessors

Thanks to those who serve as Intercessors, leading the Prayers of the People in our worship at the 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. services. They are: Ted Bailey, Jill Farmer, Roberta Goodman, Landy Johnson, Terri Jones, David Key, Lynn Marini, Joanne Morse, Susan Schulz, and Kay VanValkenburgh. At the 9:00 service, more than a dozen families take turns reading the lesson and leading the prayers.

~Mo. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook

15) Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)

The theological foundation for our Lay Eucharistic Ministry is the belief that a church is not a community of lay people gathered around a minister, but a community of many ministers gathered around God. At Saint Mark's Lay Eucharistic Ministers are lay people who assist the clergy at the Eucharistic table and administer the wine during communion. Our LEM's also read the Lessons and fully participate at all of our services, serving at least once a month. This is licensed ministry within the Diocese of Los Angeles and requires that the LEM be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing.

Saint Mark's Lay Eucharistic Minister's are:

George Rothwell, Nancy Cash, Don Kinsey, Bruce Linsenmayer, Celinda Pearson, Reynolds Cafferata, Tom Rosebrook, Jannette Allen, Chris Yoder, Susan Westcott, Rose Dale, Ruben Cardenas, Matt Wright, Cal Anderson, Janis Rosebrook, Jon Ancona, Terri Jones, Lisa Sylvester, and Maura Schmitz.

Jon Ancona and Maura Schmitz have gone off to college. Our newest LEMs are Katie Whisenant and Lynn Marini.

We give thanks to God for them and for their service to all of us.

~Bruce Linsenmayer
~LEM Coordinator

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16) Men's Breakfast / Fellowship

Saint Mark's Men's Fellowship celebrated another year of "muscular Christianity" (defined as fellowship and service) in 2009.

Our fellowship is simple: We regularly meet at for breakfast at Fox's at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. (Occasionally we will have an outing to a different location, such as our annual Christmas season journey to Caltech's Athenaeum.) Occasional fishing trips may be involved.

Our service is twofold: providing "muscle" during church events, and sponsoring projects and activities that enhance the life of the church.

Our funding comes largely by "overpaying" for breakfast and by hosting the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Community Hall. Some men also make individual contributions of cash or goods during the course of the year.

Among the events where we hosted or provided significant manpower were: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner; social hours on Independence Day Sunday and "Sunday after Christmas"; and helping at the Saint Mark's Country Fair. We were also glad to help provide funding for the new Sunday School curriculum that is being used by Saint Mark's.

All men of the parish are welcome to participate in any capacity they can. Please join us on Wednesday at Fox's!

~ *Timothy Rutt*
~ **Treasurer**

17) Missions and Community Outreach 2008

ACTS FOOD PANTRY 2009-Annual Report

The Altadena Congregations Serving Together (ACTS) Food pantry was established in 2000 and is run by six local churches: Altadena Baptist Church, Altadena Community Church, Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Community Life Fellowship, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. The ACTS Food Pantry is located at Altadena Community Church and is open every Saturday from ten to noon. Each church is responsible for staffing the pantry one Saturday a month. The Saint Mark's Volunteers for 2009 are as follows: Anne Browne, James Morse, the Dillingham Family, Jr. DOK, Tom Horner, Jennifer, Mara, & Anya Lum, Dorsey League, Nadine Hegamin, Susan Carr, Justin Worland, and Ingrid Goodman.

In 2009 the ACTS volunteers gave out 2048 bags of groceries and served an average of 21 adults and 29 children each week. The pantry received non-perishable food items from the five volunteer churches on a regular basis. These donations supported the weekly needs. Monetary donations were given in various amounts from the above participating churches and their parishioners, The CROP Walk, the Dragon Thrift Store and San Marino Community Church.

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Highlights included:

1. Easter Bags with personal items and chocolate bunnies donated by Altadena Community Church.
2. Peanut Butter and Jelly donated the second Sunday of each month by Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church.
3. Turkeys and Thanksgiving meal items donated by Westminster Presbyterian Church.
4. Food drives organized by Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Cub Scout Troop 1, Altadena Sheriff's Station, and John Muir High School.
5. Curves Altadena donated 850 lbs of canned goods
6. 100 Christmas bags donated by Saint Mark's Episcopal Church and School.

~Ingrid Goodman and Anne Browne
~Coordinators and Advisors for the ACTS Food Pantry

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Alternative Christmas Market is an opportunity to purchase items or in-kind donations for loved ones during the Christmas Season. Thanks to all those who supported the Saint Mark's Alternative Christmas Market this year! We collected money for the Heifer Project, Habitat for Humanity, San Gabriel Valley, Episcopal Relief and Development, African Team Ministries, and the ACTS Food Pantry. Money collected for the ACTS Food Pantry was used to purchase items for the holiday meal packages distributed before Christmas. We also sold cards for the Jubilee celebration through the Diocese. Many thanks to Anne Browne, Jennifer Lm, Lynn Marini, The Wright Family, Carol Peters, Nancy Cash, and all others that gave of their time to staff the tables and help with packing up the jewelry and all the brochures from our various outreach organizations. A special thanks to our Jr. Daughters of the King for their generous help and work.

~Marianne Wright and Anne Browne

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

The Saint Mark's Church and School Toy Drive was very successful this year. Thank you to all those who gave so generously. There were 14 children at the Door of Hope who received three age-appropriate gifts and books each in gift bags. We also sent two large boxes of toys and books to be given to new families that might be arriving to the Door of Hope and for future use throughout the year. Two loads of toys and gifts were brought to the Altadena Sheriff's Station for distribution at Christmas time. We also delivered six large bags of toys to Hillside's Home .

CROPWALK

This year's Crop Walk in October was once again hosted by All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena. The Crop Walk, sponsored by the Church World Service, raises money for relief and development assistance in more than 80 countries around the world and in the United States. Our own ACTS Food Pantry is one of the recipients. This year we had about 20 walkers. The Crop Walk raised a little more than \$36,000.00 and 25% of that will stay in the greater Pasadena area.

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BACKPACKS

We donated enough back-to-school supplies to fill 24 backpacks for Friends in Deed House. We also collected 6 boxes of school supplies and a dozen backpacks for Door of Hope and for the diocesan-sponsored immigration resettlement program. We continue to collect school supplies for Door of Hope throughout the year for them to use in their after school tutoring program.

DOOR OF HOPE

Door of Hope is now a one year residential program in Pasadena whose mission is to rehabilitate homeless families. We continue to provide and serve dinner at the Door of Hope on the first Wednesday of the month. Nancy Cash heads this popular outreach program with support and help from George Rothwell, and Ann Waddell. They are always looking for new volunteers to help with the dinner program. In addition to the meals, our parish donated Christmas toys, books, and gifts, and for Easter we donated baskets for the children.

HILLSIDES

Hillsides Home for Children is a private, nonprofit, and nondenominational agency for abused, abandoned and neglected children. During the Christmas season, toys and other items were collected during the Holiday Toy Drive and were brought to Hillsides for distribution at Christmas and throughout the year.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

We included them in our Alternative Christmas Market.

EASTER BASKETS

Easter Baskets were made and distributed this year to Friends in Deed - Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches and the Door of Hope. Many thanks for the generous donations made by parish members, especially the Fleischer family.

BAD WEATHER SHELTER

Young and old and families and individuals went to help serve dinner for 125 homeless men and women at the Bad Weather Shelter at Pasadena Covenant Church in February. We set up cots and served dinner to those in need. We are especially grateful to George Rothwell and his son Earl for cooking 150 pounds of chicken and 4 trays of scalloped potatoes! Everyone had a great night!

During the year, the Missions Committee receives a great deal of literature on outreach opportunities. We have attempted to bring to the Parish's attention some of these opportunities. The clergy along with your Missions Committee would like to hear from you about any special programs in which you would like us to participate.

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This Committee is very grateful and acknowledges the generous contributions of time, talent and financial support from our parish for the various missions and community outreach opportunities this year. Committee members: Jannette Allen, Anne Browne, Desiree Alvarado Cardenas, Nancy Cash, Ingrid Goodman, Jennifer Lum, Lynn Marini, Rosalyn Fleisher, Christina and Eric Thom, and Debra Johnson.

~ *Anne Browne*
~ **Missions and Outreach Chair**

MUSIC PROGRAMS

18) Saint Mark's Choir, Handbell Choir, and Woodwind Ensemble

This January, Bob and I begin our fifteenth year at St. Mark's Church as Music Director/Organist. Our church music department has three choirs: St. Mark's Choir, Choristers and Handbell Choir. We also have a Woodwind Ensemble composed of parish college students. St. Mark's Choir sings three Sundays a month at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. One Sunday a month the choir leads the congregation with a gospel setting of the mass from the hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. This Gospel Music Sunday is an important part of our liturgical worship at St. Mark's. The Choristers sing once every month and occasionally join with St. Mark's Choir to present combined choir anthems. The Handbell Choir performs throughout the year.

In January, St. Mark's Choir sang special music in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Gospel Music Sunday service. They began the season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday service and were joined on the First Sunday of Lent by St. Mark's Youth Group and Sr. Choristers to present the Great Litany, in procession. St. Marks Choir, Choristers, Handbell Choir and the Woodwind Ensemble led the music for our Christmas and Easter services as well as an Advent Lessons and Carols Service on the First Sunday of Advent. Our Pentecost Sunday is always a highlight of the year employing many musicians. This year we celebrated Graduate Sunday on Pentecost Sunday. During the service two of our high school graduates, bassoonist Jon Ancona and pianist Lukas Killgore, performed a movement from the *Bassoon Concerto in F Major* by Carl Maria von Weber. This December Ranesh Peiris, a former choir member, returned for his fourth year to lead the music at St. Mark's for a traditional Sri Lankan Advent Lessons and Carols service.

David Key and Fr. Pete Berry led the Holy Week Taize worship service during Lent. This beautiful service was held in the Community Hall with a quiet candlelit setting.

Anne Browne provided and hosted the breakfast between the services on Easter Morning for the choirs. It is a very busy morning for us and we thank Anne from the bottom of our hearts for her generosity.

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Music Programs (continued)

A Summer Choir provided the musical leadership for the months of June and July. The joy of singing was the only requirement for membership in this choir. Rehearsals were Sunday mornings before the service.

I want to thank Jackie Dwight, Chorister Director; Bob Killgore, Organist; and David Key, 9:00 a.m. Music Leader, for their wonderful musical talents and leadership. And I want to especially thank EACH AND EVERY CHOIR MEMBER for their dedication week after week after week! At St. Marks we truly worship through our music.

ST. MARK'S CHOIR

Gini Berry	Pete Berry	Diane Carey-Schmitz	
Rosalyn Fleischer	Paul Hogan	Terri Jones	
Bill Owen	Susanne Peace	Mark Poynter	
Elsie Strong	Ann Waddell	Juanita Wade	
Kim Watkins	Rose West	Katie Whisenant	Chris Yoder

ST. MARK'S HANDBELL CHOIR

Jon Ancona	Samantha Ancona	Beth Baird	Diane Carey- Schmitz
Kari Davis	Maria Horner	David Killgore	Kevin Killgore
Lukas Killgore	Robert Killgore	Jean Loberg	Valerie Mathews
Bill Owen	Rob Owen	Phillip West	Katie Whisenant

ST. MARK'S WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

Jon Ancona, Bassoon	Samantha Ancona, Oboe
Kevin Killgore, Clarinet	Elaine Westcott, Flute

The choir is overjoyed with its newest member, Katie Whisenant. She is a great addition to the soprano section. This summer Paul Hogan, our beloved *Basso*, passed away. He was a member of St. Mark's choir for over thirty years! During his illness the choir went to Paul and Martha's home to sing his favorite hymns with them. The choir also sang at Paul's memorial service. We miss him greatly but we still hear his voice singing mightily in church when we worship.

Roz and Greg Fleischer hosted another fabulous Christmas Party for the choir. Roz continues to be a tremendous help as the Music Librarian.

Other talented musicians from our congregation that participated this year are Erik Forrester, Lukas Killgore, Alex Fleischer, Kevin West, Phillip West, Jean Loberg, Andrew Hooper-Rosebrook, Keith & John Snell (not parish members but good friends). The choir performed compositions by fellow choir members Bill Owen and Mark Poynter. On Sundays when Bob was away Bill Owen and Lisa Sylvester substituted as organist.

Our church is blessed with many talented musicians that offer their gifts for all of us and for the glory of God. We are also blessed with Pastor Carri and her wonderful musical gifts. If you enjoy singing please think about joining St. Mark's Choir. We would like to have more high school students join us. There is NO AUDITION!!!

~Diane Killgore
~Music Director

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Music Programs (continued)

19) Choristers

Our Chorister year begins with rehearsals in September on Wednesdays after school and soon thereafter, the singing for the Blessing of the Animals in early October. We conclude the Chorister year in June with Chorister Recognition Sunday, followed the next week by our annual Ice Cream Party. Choristers is open to all parish and day school children from Kindergarten through Grade 6.

Saint Mark's Choristers meet every Wednesday afternoon except during summer vacation. We rehearse in the Music Room of the Community Hall. The week prior to Children's Sunday we rehearse in the church, which allows us to test the acoustics and placement of the singers.

The Choristers continue to grow spiritually and musically. Each month the Junior Choristers sing their anthem early in the service. The Senior Choristers sing the offertory anthem, lead the sung portion of the mass, and sing a communion anthem. Our repertoire is usually chosen to reflect the church season, taking into account the text and suitability for the current group. The Senior Choristers sing two part anthems, and both groups often incorporate orchestral and rhythm instruments as well as handbells into our presentation.

In 2009 the Senior Choristers sang on Palm Sunday, and on Easter Sunday, the Junior and Senior Choristers sang the Offertory anthem together. On Advent II, the Service of Lessons and Carols, each group sang their own anthem, and the Senior Choristers were invited to sing an anthem with Saint Mark's Choir.

The children learn to follow the worship service using the printed Order of Service and the inserts, and to quickly find their place in the Chorister folder, 1982 Hymnal, LEVAS, Wonder Love and Praise, and in the Prayer Book.

On Chorister Recognition Sunday, June 7, 2009, we presented the musical **Moses and the Freedom Fighters** by Hal H. Hopson. Following the service the families of the Choristers host the Coffee Hour.

In July 2009 a contingent of Junior and Senior Choristers participated in the Diocesan Children's Choir, which was formed to sing at the National Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim, CA. This required additional rehearsals after school was dismissed, to learn music selected by the director. Saint Mark's Choristers then joined the children from other churches in the Los Angeles Diocese to sing for the Eucharist Service on Friday, July 10.

~Jacqueline Dwight
~Choristers Director

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20) 9:00 A.M. Family Service

The hymns we sing at this service are selected the same way as the hymns for the 10:30 service, with careful attention to the Lectionary readings appointed. The chief difference is that our focus is on songs whose theology is accessible to children. Our sources are the standard hymn books (Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Wonder Love and Praise), especially hymns familiar from the school chapel, with additional sources (covered under copyright license agreements) and some of my own offerings which we print for the congregation. Since my background is not keyboard oriented we have a variety of instrumentation in: various types of guitars, banjo, autoharp, dulcimer and percussion instruments (mostly played by the children on the occasional rousing closing hymns) which, in my opinion, offer not only variety of sound but different feeling to the hymns much as the variety of stops available on the organ set off different hymns. I have even identified a couple of guitarists and other musicians in the congregation who I hope to be able to include in special musical offerings in future. Our aim is to draw the children and their families into real comfort with the form and content of the Episcopal liturgy with genuine worship and praise. Lisa Sylvester and Jackie Dwight have also contributed music to this service.

~David Key
~9:00 a.m. Music Leader

21) Office Volunteers

Thank you to all the women who have helped out in the office this past year. We really appreciate the work you have done answering the phone, helping with mailings, assembling worship bulletins, and just being at the front desk in the office to handle things when we cannot be here.

A heartfelt thanks to Joan Painter, Nadine Hegamin, Terri Jones, Pippi Currey and Kathy Talton Wilson.

~ Lisa Auyong and Joanne Morse
~ Secretaries

22) Parish Planning Council

The Saint Mark's Parish Planning Council meets quarterly to plan and coordinate the scheduling of church events and has the primary function of preventing conflicting events and addressing all issues related to the calendar. The Parish Planning Council consists of the Rector, a chairperson, and representatives of all the organized groups at St. Mark's. Meetings are open to **all interested church members**, so if you are interested in being put on the meeting reminder mailing list, contact me in the church office.

~Joanne Morse

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23) School Prayer Partners

Saint Mark's Church has long considered the school to be one of its most visible and significant ministries. One of our ongoing challenges has been how to continue to grow our relationship and how we can be connected to each other more tangibly.

In 2008, I invited members of Saint Mark's Church to pray for a particular class and teacher throughout the school year, as a way to support and encourage the teachers and students.

Each class has a partner in the parish who has made a commitment to pray in a general way for the class throughout the school year. Teachers also can contact their prayer partner with thanksgivings or requests at any time. Even if they have no contact, teachers know that their partner is supporting them in ministry by praying for them regularly. In addition, prayer partners were invited to come to Open House as the guest of a student in the class.

Many thanks to those who have participated in this ministry: Juanita Wade, Nadine Hegamin, Jill McDowell, Kim & Andy Pollard, Don & Susan Schulz, Al & Dorsey League, Millie Paradiso, Karen Rogers, Betty Butler, Pat McDaniel, Jean Loberg, Charlotte Hovencamp, Gail Adams, Shirley Minarcik, Sue Peace, Rick & Pat Keaton, Elsie Strong, Bruce Zisterer, and Joan Bowdoin.

SCOUT PROGRAMS

24) Boy Scouts Troop 1

Saint Mark's is extremely proud to sponsor Boy Scout Troop #1. Not only is Troop #1 the oldest and original Troop in Pasadena...not only is Allan Yovanovich an outstanding and award-winning Scoutmaster...Troop #1 does STUFF--lots of stuff! Probably more stuff than anybody.

Highlights of the Troop Calendar for 2009 include winter sports, shooting & archery, rock climbing, Cultural awareness, aquatics, cooking, first aid & advanced life support and (always!) backpacking. They also are a great help in cleaning the campus after the Country Fair.

Want to find our more? call Allan: 794-7544.

25) Venture Crew

The Venture Crew hosts the annual Blood Drive with the City of Hope in October, which is named after a former member, Andrew Blackwood. Due in large part to the generosity of St. Mark's congregation, the Troop was able to exceed their goal and collect fifty-four pints of blood and register twelve bone-marrow donors.

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Scouts (continued)

26) Cub Scout Pack 1

Saint Mark's Church sponsors Cub Scout Pack 1, a family program designed for boys who are in the first through fifth grades (or 7, 8, 9, and 10 years of age). Scouts, parents, and leaders work together to achieve the primary purposes of Cub Scouting, including character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, and personal achievement -- all through *fun*, and age-appropriate, activities.

Providing a dynamic positive program continues to fuel growth in the pack membership -- now at 73 boys, up from 63 boys in 2003, 54 boys in 2002, and 25 boys in 1999. The leadership of the pack also now includes more than a dozen registered adult volunteers who are dedicating their extensive talents and energies to the Pack. Reid Leslie, Mike Rudchenko, Ken Kikkawa, Tom Sobota and Rob Berry work with the Dens.

The pack treasurer in fact has again had a big job this year thanks to the success of the annual Popcorn Sale fundraiser! Pack 1 was again the #1 selling pack in the San Gabriel Valley Council. The scouts learned practical communication and selling skills as well as satisfied achievements toward their rank advancements.

The proceeds from this sale are being used to fund or subsidize many of the pack's 2008-2009 activities, including an extensive program in building and launching *model rockets* and a family weekend camping trip to Camp Cherry Valley on Catalina.

The pack remains committed to teaching public service. The pack held its second annual Holiday Food Drive in support of the St. Mark's Food Pantry. We collected more than 60 bags of groceries, and have big plans for how to make the effort even more successful next year.

~David Enzinger
~ Pack 1 Coordinator 2008-2009

27) Search Committee

In May, 2009, the Search Committee concluded its discernment by recommending to the Vestry that Pastor Carri Grindon be called to be the Rector of Saint Mark's. The Vestry and Pastor Carri mutually discerned that she was indeed called to ministry with Saint Mark's. God is good.

Thanks to the members of the Search Committee: Reynolds Cafferata (Chair), Rose West, Tom Sobota, Tom Horner, Gini Berry, Ken Kikawa, Diane Carey-Schmitz, Nancy Cash, Bruce Linsenmayer, Denise Momsen and Craig Snodgrass for many hours of thought, discussion and prayer to discern the call.

Thanks goes to the Profile Committee whose members are: Diane Carey Schmitz (Chairman), Terri Jones, Bruce Linsenmayer, Tom Rosebrook, Jennifer Lum, Elizabeth Butler, Ingrid Goodman, Ruben Cardenas and Reynolds Cafferata. The great work of this committee was the solid foundation of the Search Committee's work.

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Thanks goes to the Clergy Compensation Committee whose members are: Craig Snodgrass, Jane Sobota, Elsa Banuelos, Charlotte Mathews and Keith West. This group worked with the Vestry, Pastor Carri and the Diocese to make it possible for Pastor Carri and her family to move from Atlanta to be with us at Saint Mark's.

Thanks to the Vestry for its prayerful work with the Search Committee and on its own to make the final discernment with Pastor Carri the she is called to ministry with us.

Thanks to Father Andrew for his ministry with Saint Mark's during the Search.

Thanks to Canon Joanna Satorius for guidance and support throughout the process.

Thanks to the many other clergy who spent time in conversation with the Search Committee about their discernment. Their conversations helped guide the Search Committee throughout the process.

Thanks to Father Michael Bamberger who provided clergy support to the Search Committee.

Thanks to the parishioners of Saint Mark's and our school families for their patience, prayers and support.

~*Reynolds Cafferata*
~Chair

28) Tellers

Saint Mark's Tellers continued their faithful service in 2009, analyzing the offering each Sunday after the 10:30 service and preparing two-page reports for Tatiana Barzaghi and the other office staff. We assign a pair of tellers to one Sunday each month, so it's not a burdensome chore. This year we welcomed Anne Browne and Carol Peters to our cadre, joining Bob Bowdoin, Jim Whisenant, Katie Whisenant, and most of the Owen family. If you'd like to participate in this small but important ministry, please see me.

Meanwhile, there are some things which all of us can do to make our tellers' job easier. If you have made a pledge, ***please use one of your offering envelopes!*** It's much quicker that way: the tellers and Tatiana can simply use the envelope number. If you are designating your gift for some specific purpose, ***please write that on the memo line of your check.*** If you're giving cash and would like to receive credit for it, your best bet is to use one of the envelopes in the pews ***and put your name on the envelope.*** By doing these things consistently, you'll make our lives a lot easier and Tatiana's work more reliable.

Finally, thank you all for your continued financial support.

~*Bill Owen*
~Head Teller

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29) Ushers

Saint Mark's Ushers continue to greet the congregation enthusiastically, and to assist with the offering and Eucharist at all services every Sunday, and on Christmas and Easter. The Ushers play a particularly important role during the high-attendance services such as Christmas Eve and Easter. Thank you to the Ushers who served during 2008: Gerald Somerville, Craig Snodgrass, Keith West, Carol Peters, Kay Van Valkenburgh, Landy Johnson, Beth Owen, Kim Pollard, Chris McCann, Jim Morse, Ron Veelik, Eric & Christina Thom, and the dedicated families at the 9:00 AM service. We also recruit a Youth on the third Sundays at 10:30 service.

Kim Pollard has retired, while we welcome newcomers Jill McDowell and Karen Rogers. If you feel this might be a calling for you, please call Ron Veelik at 794-1242.

~ *Ron Veelik*
~ **Head Usher**

30) Women's Soup - Supper

The Women of the parish meet and eat at various restaurants in the area. This fellowship is informal and open to all women of the parish. Each meeting has a theme of giving to the community at large—collection of food or toiletries for the Food Pantry, money for the Heifer Project, or toys for the various missions outreach of the church. We enjoy lively discussion and it is an easy method of getting to know some of the parish women. Carpooling is recommended and transportation can usually be arranged for those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity. Single, newly single, married, widowed, young adults, adults, seniors, women of all shapes and sizes. We are noisy and happy to let someone else cook, so we can enjoy it.

~ *Elizabeth Butler*
~ **Co-ordinator**

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- _____ **Tom Horner**
- _____ **Lori Noda**
- _____ **Joanna Scott**

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