



*Annual Report
for the Year 2010*

January 30, 2011

Vision
"A community transformed by the
Love of Jesus Christ"

Mission–
"To love the Lord God, to love our neighbors as
ourselves and to live out our Baptismal Covenant so
that we build a community transformed by the love of
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St. John's Vision and Mission Statements
Adopted by the Vestry, 2010

2010 Annual Report to the Congregation of St. John's

At the 145th Annual Meeting January 30, 2011

Leadership and Staff

The Rev. John M. Allen
Priest in Charge

The Rev. June Johnson
Assistant Priest

The Rev. Donald J. Maddux
Assoc. for Hispanic Ministry

The Rev. Dr. Doug Dornhecker
Scholar in Residence for Liturgical Studies

The Rev. Jim Blundell
Rector Emeritus

The Ven. Gen Grewell
Archdeacon

The Rev. Tony Irving
Deacon for Hispanic Ministry

The Rev. Godson Ofoegbu
Assistant Priest

Kary Hyre
Organist/Choirmaster

Sergio Gómez
Pastoral Musician for Hispanic Ministry

Michelle Lozar
Parish Secretary

Michael Magallon
Sexton

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel
Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia

2010 Vestry

Class of 2010

Dennis Cooper
Bill Elledge
Tim Tayne
Allen Zeigler

Class of 2011

Lucy Clifthorne
Larrel O'Keefe
Bob Peck
Leanne Willard

Class of 2012

Belen Carrillo
Ann Hutcheson
Rob Michie
Roberta Waggoner

Allen Ziegler

Senior Warden

Dennis Cooper

Junior Warden

Treasurer

Don Duncan

Clerk of the Vestry

Nancy Axell



145th Annual Meeting Minutes January 24, 2010

OPENING Fr. Don Maddux opened the meeting with prayer in the Parish Hall at 11:53 p.m. Stephanie called the meeting to order at 11:55 p.m.

MINUTES of the 145th Annual Meeting:

Fred Adair moved and Mary Campbell seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2009 as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

OUTGOING VESTRY

Allen Ziegler thanked the outgoing Vestrypersons and gave each one a gift. They were: Kathleen McKinney, Jennifer Weatherman, DeeDee Boylan, Stephanie Schreck.

ELECTIONS The four nominations for the Vestry were: Belen Carrillo, Ann Hutcheson, Rob Michie and Roberta Waggoner.

There being no other nominations it was moved and seconded and voted by acclamation to accept the four nominees.

Kathleen McKinney explained we may have eight delegates for two-year terms. Catherine and Troy Atwell have one year remaining in their terms. Those nominated were Ted and Vicki Focke, John Twelves, Kathleen McKinney, Jens Stahmer (who had been an Alternate), and Linda Madison volunteered.

Four or more Alternates were needed. Kathleen said Barb Roder and Kate Walsh had accepted to serve. Jennifer Weatherman nominated Les Metzger (who was not present), Hope Duncan offered to serve as did Darren Chidester.

The Diocesan Convention will be held at the SeaTac Hilton on Oct 29-30 from. Friday afternoon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Lucy Clifthorne moved to close nominations and accept the names listed above for Delegates and Alternates. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by acclamation.

REPORTS **Fr. Don** began by referring to his homily in the service today and asked if there were any questions. There were none. He said the Hispanic Ministry has its ups and downs in attendance and it currently is up. He praised the election of Belen Carrillo to the Vestry as she is a bilingual and will be a bridge between the Hispanic and Anglo congregations. Ann Hall thanked Fr. Don for all his contributions to the parish. This was followed by a standing ovation.

Mother June said it had been “a watershed year” as it has been her first year of ordained ministry. She thanked Fr. Don and Carolyn Maddux as well as Stephanie Schreck for their help in navigating as Curate. She spoke of her specific ministries. (See Annual Report).

Sr. Warden Stephanie Schreck said that it had been “an amazing and rewarding year” and thanked every parishioner and the Vestry for making it successful. She referred to the Annual Report for her complete report.

Jr. Warden Dennis Cooper explained his job encompasses the church facilities, from the kitchen to landscaping. He said a church this size warrants two fulltime sextons and thanked Michael Magallon for his great half-time job (applause). Dennis went on to say that there is a “genteel shabbiness” that comes upon us that we get used to but new people notice it and we need to keep up with it because it demonstrates the vitality of the parish. Hence, he has called for people to volunteer to join the Building and Grounds Committee that will meet every second Tuesday night from 7-8 p.m. He thanked Darren Chidester and Rick Cooper for all their volunteer help in maintaining the facilities (applause). Finally, he thanked Don Duncan who is “the institutional glue” of St. John’s and people gave Don a standing ovation.

C.H.A.T. Nancy Axell spoke of a new way to solicit hosts for Coffee Hour After Ten. She asked that every household sign up for one Sunday a year and that people choose a month that is the birthday of someone in that household to honor. She pointed to the sign-up sheets included in the program and asked people to leave their filled out sheets by the coffee urns.

Treasurer Don Duncan referred people to his printed report that was full of good news: There was a net operating gain of over \$32,000. He then thanked the volunteers who make his job easier and asked them to stand to be acknowledged: data base enterers Sue Michie and Mary Jane Hancock, the Tellers and the Audit Committee.

2010 BUDGET Allen Ziegler referred to page 9 of the Annual Report and noted there was a typo in the date. It should read 2010. He said the Budget assumes Mother June at 50% time, Fr. John Allen at full time, income from the Rising Tide School to continue. It is always possible for the Vestry to adjust the Budget if needed.

He added that \$10,000 from the excess of 2009 was paid into the Endowment Fund. When pledges for it are received the balance owing will be about \$5000 and the opportunity to continue repaying the debt is available!

Allen moved the adoption of the 2010 Budget, seconded by Mary Campbell and it passed unanimously.

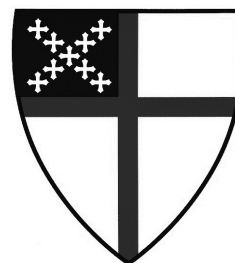
STEWARDSHIP Mary Campbell reported, “Ya done good”. The number of pledges, the amount pledged and the average pledge were all up. She added that “stewardship” never stops, “it involves the whole self”.

2010 WARDENS Stephanie said that Fr. Don urged the current vestry choose the 2010 Wardens. They are: Allen Ziegler, Sr. Warden, Dennis Cooper, Jr. Warden. (Applause). She added they will be approved at the next Vestry meeting in February.

CLOSING Fr. Don closed the meeting with prayer at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Axell,
Clerk of the Annual Parish Meeting



Priest in Charge Report The Rev. John Allen

"Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?"

This is one of the basic questions in the Baptism liturgy. After a review of what we have done together this past year at St. John's, I believe that we can answer with a resounding, "We will!" It is an honor to serve with you in this vital Christian community. As I finish my first year at St. John's, I look back over the past year with joy and give thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. We are growing in spirit, commitment and in numbers!

During our first year together our major task was getting to know one another. For a new person coming to a new community and church family that is a daunting task but you were very patient and helpful. We are still learning and name tags help a lot! As the Vestry and I began to work together we reviewed the published Vision and Mission Statements. We decided that the statements could be broadened and made more comprehensive. We decided to incorporate the Great Commandments and the Baptismal Covenant directly into our statements.

The new Vision is "A community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ."

The new Mission is "To love the Lord God above all, to love our neighbors as ourselves and to live out our Baptismal covenant so that we build a community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ."

We decided to establish four focus areas on which we would concentrate our efforts during the next 12 to 18 months. The focal areas are: Spirituality, Youth and Family, Holy Hospitality and Organizational Revitalization. Reports on the individual ministries are included elsewhere in this Annual Report. Overall, progress is being made in each of the focus areas and work on them will continue during 2011.

We will begin working with the new Vestry at a retreat to be held during February. One initiative we hope to begin is a Ministry Leaders' Forum. This group will meet quarterly to build community, share accomplishments and plans, and learn about other ministries within St. John's. To extend the opportunities for communication within the parish, we will begin hosting quarterly parish meetings to build community, respond to questions and concerns, celebrate new accomplishments, and plan for the future.

In addition to serving in our parish, I also serve with Interfaith Works in Olympia and at the Diocesan level on the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry and the Diocesan Clergy Association.

During this past year we baptized 23 infants, children and adults and welcomed new members. We have also said farewell to some long-term faithful members of our community as they transitioned from their earthly to their heavenly homes.

We are blessed to have so many caring and concerned members who serve so faithfully wherever they are called, whether in church or in the community. I am blessed to work with outstanding sister and brother clergy, June, Don, Gen, Tony, Godson and, until recently, Doug. They inspire me by their example. We are fortunate to have the support of paid and unpaid staff members, Michelle, our Parish Secretary, Kary, our Music Director, Michael, our Sexton, and Don, our Treasurer, – what a team! Our Vestry members have been active, involved and creative, under the leadership of Allen Ziegler, Sr. Warden, and Dennis Cooper, Jr. Warden – many thanks!

I came to St. John's hoping to find a community where we could pray, learn, work and play together. Thanks to all of you, I found that community here. I thank you and thank God for the opportunity to serve in such a warm, friendly and caring community. During 2011, may we work even harder to

extend the Love and Good News of Jesus Christ to each other and those in our community.

Peace,
Fr. John



Assistant Priest The Rev. June Johnson,

The past twelve months have been a full year of ministry and blessings as your Assistant Priest. On Feb 1st, we welcomed our new Priest-in-Charge, John Allen and his wife, Georgie. After just a month on the job it became clear to me that I could no longer put off major surgery to repair my knee. Fr. John and the vestry graciously granted me the time off to take care of this. I was very grateful for this gift.

With all of your prayers, by mid April Fr. John and I began to get acquainted as clergy colleagues. I was back at the altar and in the office, taking my place in worship services and settling down to work.

Highlights of my work this past year include my ongoing oversight of the Pastoral Ministry. Last year, your clergy and Eucharistic Ministers, logged just over than 150 communion visits to our members. These visits took place in homes, hospitals, assisted living and nursing home environments. Through these visits, we extended the love of Christ and the community to those unable to come to our worship services. Others in and around the parish have made many visits, as the need arose. Thank you

for your help in with this ministry.

This past fall, I became the Interim Sunday School Coordinator. In that capacity, the Sunday School program has continued to function with two classes meeting on Sunday mornings.

My other area of ministry is Faith Formation. This past year, I have convened the Adult Education committee. We have, with input from parishioners; planned and carried out the Sunday Forum presentations, Lenten and Advent programs, and other special offerings that carry have a spiritual theme. This past year we have presented such diverse programs as, Bible Study with Jack Waggoner, Bob Peck discussing various theological topics, and just this past November, we learned more about some of the agencies that we help through our outreach committee. In December Roberta Waggoner facilitated a four-week Advent series that was patterned after the children's *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program. We invite all to come and join us in the Guild Room following the 8am service each Sunday.

It is our goal to plan programs for Sunday and in each liturgical season

that will engage members as we learn and grow in our Christian lives.

One of the joys of my ministry here is the weekly Wednesday Bible Study. Each week we come together to read and discuss the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. It is an informal class where we share our lives in light of the gospel message. It is a time of study and fellowship.

Along with those two areas of ministry, I take my part in the various liturgies during the week. I am responsible for the Wednesday 7am Eucharist each week. This ministry is a real blessing to all who come out at this early hour. We generally have a short time of fellowship following the service. Along with Fr. John, I take my turn presiding at the Eucharist and preaching on Sunday mornings.

May God richly bless each of you in this new year. I know you all have been a blessing to me and with God's help this coming year will be even better. I look forward to being in ministry and building up the reign of God in this place.

Peace, Mother June

Pastoral Care Rev. June Johnson

This past year the pastoral care team has continued to work closely with Mthr. June and Fr. John in carrying out its goals of caring for our sick or shut-in members or others who had a special need in our parish family. The pastoral care team meets monthly to consider the ongoing needs of our shut-ins and those who are experiencing short-term pastoral needs. This includes those who are in hospitals for acute conditions and long-term nursing homes.

Some of the things that members do is keep a record of those who might need a visit from the church. Mother June tracks those who receive communion on a regular basis at their place of residence whether at home, assisted living, or nursing home. Our goal is to have contact with all who desire, or are

in need of a friendly visit or Holy Communion.

Many people and groups within the larger parish family carry out the Pastoral Care Ministry at St. John's. The Monday Morning Crafters lend their time and creative bent to making cards for special occasions. The Quilt Group has made lap quilts for many of our ill and shut-in members. There have been requests to take food to a parishioner or help in other ways when asked.

Other groups who contribute to the pastoral ministry are Daughters of the King with their prayer chain. Eucharistic Ministers are an important part of the Pastoral Care Ministry as they take communion to our shut-ins on a regular basis. These visits are

important because they keep our ill or infirm parishioners in contact the activities of St. John's.

Our goals for the coming year are to continue to seek to help those who need the special gifts of love and compassion through visits, home Eucharist or other needs as they arise. Jesus, the compassionate healer, is our model and companion for this ministry.

I thank all who have contributed in any way to the work of the pastoral ministry this past year. I look forward to this coming year as we bring the Good News of God's love to all who are in need of it.

By Mthr. June Johnson



Archdeacon Report The Ven. Gen Grewell

This has been a very busy year as I begin to reflect on all that has happened. I began my formal assignment at St. John's in 2009 shortly before Bishop Rickel appointed me the Archdeacon for the Diocese of Olympia. Prior to that I was assigned to both St. Benedict's and St. John's. It has been easier and yet it has also been harder with a single congregational assignment.

Sometimes it feels a bit like a treadmill and then at other times it is wonderful to be able to be out in the diocese among all the different congregations to see what else is happening. I have been blessed in many different ways.

As the Archdeacon for the Diocese of Olympia, I am out and around the diocese more than I am present at St. John's. This is very similar to Bishop Rickel's schedule. During the past year my primary goal has been to make visits to congregations who do not have a deacon, who want to have a deacon and who want to learn about the deacon's role in the church and the world. This has been accomplished in a couple of different ways. First, I have visited congregations who have specifically wanted to learn about the diaconate. Second, is to be the deacon present when Bishop Rickel makes Sunday pastoral visits. And, third would be when there is a Celebration of a Deacon's New Ministry either because the deacon is newly ordained or the deacon is moving to a new congregation. This is very similar to the new rector's Celebration of New Ministry. This past year I was delighted to have been present at 5 of these events.

Other activities require my involvement at the Diocesan level in such as the Liturgy and Arts Commission, the Commission on Ministry, and Diaconal Formation. As a member of the Liturgy and Arts Commission we have helped to develop various liturgies and other resources for clergy use around the diocese. These resources are now being made available on our diocesan website. Our other key function has been to organize and plan diocesan liturgies such as the Annual

Convention Eucharist and Diaconal Ordinations. As an ex-officio member of the Commission on Ministry I provide a diaconal presence and input as the COM discerns w/the Bishop individuals who are in the process toward ordination. The Archdeacon oversees w/advisement from Bishop Rickel the Diaconal Formation education. Currently, we have 7 individuals in the process toward ordination to the diaconate. It would be wonderful to have at least 10 in the process at all times.

This past year I became a student at the College for Congregational Development. This is a two year program either 4 weekends per year or one week per year. It is one of the Diocesan focus areas to help our congregations become healthy and more enlivened. I have certainly found this past year very enriching and challenging. We have learned about many different models and ways they can be used with congregations to help in developing and growing, or just in guiding a project - something as big as a capital project or something small such as increasing attendance at the Sunday evening Compline service. This next year we will be focusing on our projects and completing them as well understanding our personality typology as well as others and how we work together.

The other important focus area for me is our Community of Deacons. We have 50+ deacons in the diocese, although not all of them are active. Several have retired this past year dropping the number of active deacons. Right now there are 30 deacons who are actively participating in ministry around the diocese and assigned to various congregations. It would be my hope to one day have at least one deacon in every congregation. In order for this to happen, more discernment in congregations would need to begin. I have said on many of my visits that there is at least one deacon already in the congregation, if not one or two more. Discernment helps to identify them as well as other ministries within the congregation. Also to achieve this

goal it would be wonderful to encourage younger individuals who are developing their leadership skills. You see, canon law states that at age 72, deacons are required to communicate with their Bishop, indicating they would like to continue in their work or they wish to retire. If approved, then the deacon continues in his/her ministry for another year. Currently the median age for deacons in this diocese is at 60+, so you can understand why I am suggesting there is a great need to attract younger individuals.

Lastly with guidance from Bishop Rickel we have begun meeting with the deacons twice a year. Once during Lent, for a retreat style gathering - a full weekend together including the Bishop from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon and then in the fall around Convention time for an all day Saturday gathering. This past year 30 of us (including those in diaconal formation) gathered at Camp Huston for the first time. The Rev. Janet Campbell was our facilitator. Our focus was the Deacon in Holy Week. Janet guided us on a very thought provoking tour of our role in the liturgy beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with the new Easter Light at the Vigil. In November we gathered at St. John the Baptist in West Seattle with our focus on Domestic Poverty. At this gathering we invited the deacons from the Diocese of New Westminster and the Diocese of British Columbia. There were 7 deacons, including their archdeacon, who came from the Diocese of New Westminster.

This year has been full and rewarding. I look forward to many exciting things happening in 2011. My prayer for St. John's and the Diocese is to know Christ and to make Christ known in every place you visit no matter whether it is in your home, on the street, in your church or somewhere along the way.

Faithfully, Your Servant in Christ

The Ven. Gen Grewell, Archdeacon,
Diocese of Olympia
Deacon, St. John's Episcopal Church
January 30, 2011

Scholar in Residence The Rev. Dr. Doug Dornhecker

I want to express my sincere thanks for the extraordinary opportunity you've given me as your Scholar in Residence for Liturgical Studies these last few years to explore--and express--my faith.

Any church, I suppose, is willing to let people ask life's biggest questions, but St. John's has been amazingly encouraging and inexplicably tolerant as I've attempted to live out my ordination vows in this unique way. For me, trying to be scholarly in a place I don't technically belong has enabled me to take a fresh look at all the theological assumptions I thought I had already settled, and, in the process, open myself anew to putting those ideas into practice.

That's how 2010 started out for me. I had agreed to present a research paper to the annual gathering of the Northwest Association for Theological Discussion, a group of mostly Disciples of Christ clergy, both active and retired, who meet annually for informal fellowship and intentional debate. I had agreed to be one of the "presenters" at our February 2010 retreat. My proposed topic was

"Seeing the Lord's Supper Through the Eyes of Children." I ended up building the paper on the ten affirmations called "A Charter for Children in the Church"--a document Kathy and I had discovered and brought home from our visit to England in 2003. It originated in Great Britain's United Reform Church (Hymn #304--among others--in The Episcopal Hymnal was written by a United Reform Church pastor). My experiences at St. John's had convinced me that it was possible--even necessary--to imagine the church being transformed by changing the way it dealt with children. My training in and involvement with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd had prepared me to endorse these truths:

1. Children are equal partners with adults in the life of the church.
2. The full diet of Christian worship is for children as well as adults.
3. Learning is for the whole church, adults and children.
4. Fellowship is for all--each belonging meaningfully to the rest.
5. Service is for children to give, as well as adults.
6. The call to evangelism comes to all God's people of whatever age.

7. The Holy Spirit speaks powerfully through children as well as adults.
8. The discovery and development of gifts in children and adults is a key function of the church.
9. As a church community we must learn to do only those things in separate age groups which we cannot in all conscience do together.
10. The concept of the "Priesthood of all Believers" includes children.

I close the year, and conclude this staff role, believing that these affirmations hold a real promise for renewing our faith and life. It will require change--liturgical, musical, homiletical--but I've found that the changes I most resist are often the very ones I most need to make.

I wonder how children might lead us to the very place we long to go--into the open and liberating arms of Jesus Christ.

Again, eternal thanks.

Doug Dornhecker

Senior Warden's Report Allen Ziegler

As I reflect back on the last year, my first thought is "Where did it go." It seems only yesterday that we were at the annual meeting and Stephanie Schreck was eagerly handing me the keys to the church, most of which were unmarked. Now, 2010 has come and gone; and we are about to enter into another exciting year at St. John's. Here are some of my thoughts and ramblings about the past year.

Arrival of the Priest-in-Charge

At the beginning of February, Father John Allen arrived at St. John's to become our Priest-in-Charge. With new leadership come changes. However, Father John was astute enough to begin with minimal adjustments rather than transformation. Initially, Dennis

Cooper, who was the Junior Warden, and I met with Father John weekly to assist him with acquainting himself with the parish and considering actions and activities to facilitate his immersion into the life of St. John's. One of the first things was the scheduling of the Vestry retreat.

Vestry Retreat

In April the Vestry met with the Priest-in-Charge to review the existing St. John's vision and mission statements, to establish goals for the year, and to develop an organizational framework for the many ministries and groups at St. John's.

An outcome of the Vestry retreat in April was the development of an organizational revitalization for St. John's.

This element overarches three sustaining ministries:

- Children and Youth Programs;
- Spirituality; and
- "Holy Hospitality."

The Vestry adopted a new vision for Saint John's: "**A Community Transformed by the Love of Jesus Christ.**" The evolving mission statement incorporated the sense of the Great Commandment and the Baptismal Covenant. "**To love the Lord God, to love our neighbors as ourselves and to live out our Baptismal Covenant so that we build a community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.**"

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Senior Warden's Report (cont.) Allen Ziegler

Parish Hall Renovation

In 2009, the Vestry formed a committee to update and refurbish the parish hall. The committee included under the aegis of Mary Campbell, Gretchen Sturtevant and Kathleen McKinney. In the spring and early summer of 2010, countertops were replaced and a metal top was added to the kitchen island. In the parish hall and entrance foyer, carpet tiles, walk-off carpet, a hard surface around coffee counter, map rails and a bulletin board were installed. The walls were painted and the foyer doors were painted the "welcoming" red. There are plans to re-carpet the main corridor and paint the walls and woodwork from the Guild Room to the sanctuary in early 2011. A plaque honoring the leadership and dedication of Mary Campbell, who died while a Vestry member in 2010, has been placed in the parish hall.

Endowment Fund

The St. John's Endowment Fund has felt the economic and financial fluctuations over the last couple of years. Prior to the sale of shares (328 shares) to cover the boiler replacement, the parish had 1660 shares with a market value of approximately \$298,263 as of July 31, 2007. As repayments for the boiler were made to the Fund and a memorial gift was received, additional shares were purchased. The Fund has 1686 shares with a market value of \$298,386 as of December 31, 2010.

Genesis Covenant

The Episcopal Church has taken the lead among church bodies in addressing the concerns over global warming and actions that people of faith can take. The Genesis Covenant states, "We will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from every facility that we maintain by 50 percent in ten years." Based on this resolution and in response to our call to be faithful stewards of the earth, the St. John's Vestry endorsed the Genesis Covenant and resolved to assist the Priest-in-Charge, the staff and all other interested groups and individuals in obtaining the necessary support and assistance and in exerting all necessary and reasonable effort to achieve the covenant's

stated goal of reducing our carbon footprint.

In recent months, we have begun to look where we can make a difference. We are composting the coffee grounds rather than throwing them away in the garbage. Karen Bray and Michael Magallon acquired the energy data from Puget Sound Energy for the last three years so that we can assess the effects that the boiler replacement has had on St. John's energy consumption. Karen also spoke to the Thurston County Energy Efficiency Program and had Puget Sound Energy conduct an energy audit to determine where St. John's can effect savings and if there are any resources and possible funding to make changes. In February the Diocese is conducting a Genesis Covenant workshop.

Spirituality and "Holy Hospitality"

Are they mutually exclusive or inclusive? St. John's is an entity filled with hope, caring, and diversity. When we look inwardly, St. John's has many wonderful on-going activities. For me, it is truly uplifting to be greeted at the door Sunday mornings by a smiling, cheerful face even if it is before 8 AM. I am certain that many of us glean the same warm feeling no matter when we enter St. John's. That aura needs to continue into the sanctuary, the classrooms, offices, hallways and church events.

The Hispanic ministry of Father Don and his spiritually motivated assistants has brought a growing number of families to the St. John's communion. It is exciting to see and hear the words and music at the Sunday evening services and feast days.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is expanding and bringing in new shiny faces. It is equally exciting to see this venue for spiritual growth. In the fall Mother June and Georgie Allen began a spirituality group for women. The attendance has been great and the discussions lively. Music is a basic part of our Episcopal tradition and is a wonderful adjunct to St. John's. There are many groups (internal and external) and musical forms participating in our services and sponsored events. We have the Jubilate Choir, Compline, Chancel Choir,

brass and string ensembles, soloists, liturgical dance, and Mariachi bands. Although I am tone deaf and can not carry a tune, I still love the way that the music and dance fills me with the Spirit.

Outreach

For the many years that my family has been associated with St. John's, outreach has been a significant factor in our church's vitality and service. St. John's has been active internally and externally in this ministry through our parishioners. Last summer we lost Mr. Outreach, John Twelves. John was an embodiment of this ministry. He was there leading the charge for Crop Walk and rest stop coffee events, as well as many other outreach efforts in the community.

Another activity is the "Sleepover with Jesus," the Emergency Overflow Shelter. Tim Tayne and his wonderful volunteers host this shelter at St. John's for two weeks each year.

There are many other activities that St. John's members participate in – Little Red Schoolhouse, Salvation Army food kitchen, Busy Bees, El Hogar, support for families in Cambodia, Family Support Center, Food Bank, Festival of Gifts for nursing home residents, etc.

In these challenging economic times, we at St. John's need to remember those who are less fortunate and find ways to support them. As someone recently said to me, many of us are just a heartbeat away from needing spiritual and financial support. God be with us all.

Be of Good Cheer in the New Year,
Allen Ziegler

Junior Warden's Report Dennis Cooper

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Junior Warden. As I complete my second year in this role and end my term on the Vestry, I say a profound "Thank You" to my fellow vestry members, both current and past. Good humor and cordial relations prevailed throughout as we directed the affairs of St Johns Church. It is my pleasure to have served with you.

Traditionally, the Junior Warden is known as the People's Warden and has the responsibilities for the church facilities, buildings, and grounds. Although the physical or temporal aspects of a church pale in significance to the spiritual mission of our church, both aspects combine in a beautiful way to promote the glory of God. A church in good order and lovingly cared for by its members is admired by all who enter or pass by and reflects our gratitude to our Creator.

At St. Johns, for budgetary reasons, much of the upkeep and beautification

our building and grounds are accomplished by our fellow parishioners on a voluntary basis. Thank you to all who have participated in our work parties. And all members are invited to note dates of future work parties and to contribute as you can.

As the trinity is an important symbol for Christians, let me note just three accomplishments of the past year, and make three recommendations for the new vestry:

First, much progress may be seen in the refurbishing of the Parish Hall, with special thanks due Mary Campbell who inspired this project and provided matching funds for it.

Second, parishioners banded together to install a major French drain around the library area to cure a troublesome foundation leak.

Third, the new church boilers(now three years old) are finally paid for, and moneys borrowed from the endowment fund repaid.

Three recommendations for attention in the year ahead:

First, continue regularly scheduled meetings of the Building and Grounds Committee to keep the facilities issues clearly in mind and to keep our volunteers timely engaged.

Second, consider establishment of a capital replacement fund to meet major structural expenses of our church.

Third, continue efforts to stem our leaky roofs, especially over the sanctuary, where considerable past efforts have not entirely succeeded.

Finally, thanks are due to Michael Magallon, our Sexton, for all he does to keep the facilities functioning, to Darin Chidester for the many projects expertly completed, and of course to Don Duncan, our treasurer, but who does so much more. And thanks to Fr. John, Mother June, and the Senior Warden, Allen Ziegler, for their leadership and devotion to the St. Johns family. We are all blessed by their ministry.



Hospitality Committee

Lenore Kneeshaw

January 2010-Hosted food for the Annual Meeting & hosted a secret Reception for Father Don and Carolyn Maddox
February 2010 - Hosted Welcome Reception for Father John and Georgie Allen,
Hosted food for Clergy Day Delegates
April 2010 - Hosted Easter Vigil Banquet
May 2010 - Hosted St. John's annual English Tea
June 2010 - Co - Hosted June Jumble
July 2010 - Hosted Ice Cream Social
Sept. 2010 - Held committee meeting which Father John came to ask the committee to donate some of the committee's monies for a new phone system for the church. Committee agreed to give a total of \$5000.00 for the phone system. (June Jumble gave \$3000.00 & the English Tea gave \$2000.00). Organized the remaining events for the year.
October 2010 - Hosted Italian Night Dinner
Nov. 2010 - Co-Hosted St. John's annual Christmas Faire
Dec. 2010 - Hosted Funeral reception for Will Hutcheson

Hispanic Ministries

Fr. Don Maddux

We have had a really satisfactory year of ministry at Saint John, (San Juan). The numbers of people who participate in the service of the church in Spanish remain strong. We have baptized 12 people in 2010 and presented 17 for confirmation.

The average attendance at regular Sunday services is 43 people. For all services combined it is 56 per week. We are grateful for the stronger ties between our members and those of the participants in the English language services, built on several shared bilingual services. We also are happy to have Belen Carrillo from our congregation as a member of Saint John's vestry.

We have also been blessed by financial gifts from members of Saint Barnabas' Church in Bainbridge Island. Their prayers and contributions strengthen our work, and our ties with the English speaking part of the Episcopal Church. Deacon Tony Irving and Norma and Susan Upton of Saint Benedict's also support this ministry by

their work and presence.

Father John Allen has helped to strengthen the bonds of love and understanding by celebrating the eucharist for us when needed. We are grateful for his pastoral care. Perhaps the most significant gain this year has been the licensing of Rosario (Charo) and Gustavo Portaro by our bishop for ministries here. Charo and Gustavo are licensed as Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Preachers. The Portaros assist with worship each week and participate in the preaching each month. Both of them are interested in discernment for ordained ministry. We are grateful to God for the leadership which is developing. On behalf of the Spanish Language congregation, I want to thank everyone who has prayed, given, attended and welcomed. You all have an important part in the founding and development of this ministry.

Fr. Don

Treasurer's Report 2010

Don Duncan

Income for the year was 101.2% of the revised budget for a total of \$452,346. (This includes \$15,000 from the funds raised for renovation of the parish hall.) Pledge income was 100.4% of revised pledge goal. Open Plate income was 78% of budget. Building Use income was 148.9% of budget. (Increased income from the Rising Tide School beginning in September was a factor here.) We have returned to the Endowment Fund a total of \$56,335 and we have a firm pledge for the balance of the \$60,000 we borrowed from it in 2007 to finance the new boilers. Expenditures for the year were 94.3% of the budget for a total of \$421,272 which resulted in a net operating gain of \$31,074. The treasurer's job is made easier by good people who help. Thanks to Sue Michie and her capable sub Mary Jane Hancock who devote hours to entering individual giving into our membership data base and to Linda Madison for setting up and maintaining it. Thanks also to our dedicated tellers who continue to give up part of their Sundays to accurately count and record congregational giving.

Don Duncan



Operating Fund	2010 Budget	Actual	Percent of Budget
Income			
Building User Donations	\$19,000	\$28,290	148.9%
Contributions/Open Plate	\$19,000	\$14,812	78.0%
Interest			
Checking	\$15	\$37	244.3%
DIF/Securities	\$9,000	\$6,485	72.1%
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000	\$1,554	155.4%
Total Pledges	\$375,550	\$377,115	100.4%
Reimbursements	\$200	\$131	65.5%
Special Contributions			
Christmas	\$4,000	\$4,864	123.9%
Easter	\$4,000	\$3,968	99.2%
Cash Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	100.00%
Total Income	\$446,765	\$452,346	101.2%
Expenditures			
Advertising	\$500	\$320	64.0%
Assessment	\$70,765	\$70,762	100.0%
Benefits	\$60,600	\$42,916	70.8%
Building Maintenance & Security	\$7,200	\$8,170	113.5%
Capital Expenditures			
Major Repairs & Replacements	\$20,000	\$18,703	93.5%
Insurance	\$9,800	\$9,788	99.9%
Miscellaneous Expense	\$5,800	\$7,695	132.7%
Office Supplies	\$5,400	\$5,349	99.1%
Outreach	\$5,300	\$5,210	98.3%
Camp Michael	\$2,500	\$2,500	100.0%
Postage	\$1,700	\$1,523	89.6%
Printing	\$9,000	\$8,055	89.5%
Programs			
Children & Families	\$3,000	\$2,135	71.2%
Hospitality	\$500	\$341	68.1%
Music	\$3,000	\$2,886	96.2%
Pastoral Care	\$500	\$0	0.0%
Stewardship	\$500	\$168	33.6%
Salaries	\$195,000	\$196,412	100.3%
Telephone/Internet Access	\$4,000	\$3,751	93.8%
Travel	\$6,400	\$7,098	110.9%
Utilities	\$31,000	\$25,366	81.8%
Worship			
Altar Consumables	\$1,000	\$1,110	111.0%
Acolytes	\$500	\$476	95.2%
Clergy Continuing Education	\$2,000	\$539	27.0%
Total Expenditures	\$446,765	\$421,272	94.3%
Net	-	\$31,074	

Operating Fund

2011 Budget 2010 Budget % Change \$ Change

2010 Budget

Allen Ziegler

Income

Building User Donations	\$23,500	\$19,000	24%	\$4,500
Contributions/Open Plate	\$15,300	\$19,000	-19%	-\$3,700
Interest				
Checking	\$53	\$15	253%	
DIF/Securities	\$7,700	\$9,000	-14%	-\$1,300
Miscellaneous Income	\$500	\$1,000	-50%	
Total Pledges and Gifts	\$356,793	\$375,550	-5%	-\$18,757
Reimbursements	\$200	\$200	0%	
Special Contributions				
Christmas	\$4,500	\$4,000	13%	
Easter	\$4,000	\$4,000	0%	
Cash Reserve	\$20,000	\$15,000	33%	
Total Income	\$432,546	\$446,765	-3%	-\$14,219

Expenditures

	2011 Budget	2010 Budget	% Change	\$ Change	%2011 Budget
Advertising	\$500	\$500	0%	\$0	
Assessment	\$73,696	\$70,765	4%	-\$2,931	17%
Benefits	\$58,300	\$60,600	-4%	-\$2,300	14%
Building Maintenance & Security	\$8,250	\$7,200	15%	\$1,050	2%
Cap. Exp.: Major Repairs & Repl.	\$3,000	\$20,000	-85%		1%
Insurance	\$9,800	\$9,800	0%		2%
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$6,500	\$5,800	12%	\$700	2%
Office Supplies	\$5,000	\$5,400	-7%	-\$400	1%
Outreach	\$5,300	\$5,300	0%	\$0	1%
Camp Michael	\$2,500	\$2,500	0%		
Postage	\$1,700	\$1,700	0%	\$0	0%
Printing	\$9,000	\$9,000	0%	\$0	2%
Programs					
Children's & Adult Faith Formation	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%		1%
Hospitality	\$500	\$500	0%		
Music	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%		
Pastoral Care	\$500	\$500	0%		
Stewardship	\$500	\$500	0%		
Salaries	\$200,800	\$195,800	3%	\$5,000	46%
Telephone/Internet Access	\$4,000	\$4,000	0%		1%
Travel including Clergy Allowance	\$7,200	\$6,400	13%		2%
Utilities	\$26,000	\$31,000	-16%		6%
Worship					
Altar Consumables	\$1,000	\$1,000	0%		
Acolytes	\$500	\$500	0%		
Clergy Continuing Education	\$2,000	\$2,000	0%		
Total Expenditures	\$432,546	\$446,765	-3%	-\$14,219	
Net	\$0	\$0			

The Vestry approved a budget for 2011 that is basically maintenance of effort. There are few changes in any budget category from 2010. During 2010 Saint John's continued a lease with a private non-profit school. This resulted in a significant increase in building use revenue. The total pledges for 2011 reflect a decrease in revenue over 2010.

However, with the building use income up and a positive balance in the ending budget for 2010, the Vestry was able to approve the maintenance of effort budget.

Significant receipts for pledges for the boiler fund repayment and an additional pledge to cover the remaining outstanding loan were received in 2010. As a result the loan repayment has been guaranteed.

The 2011 budget continues Father John as the full-time Priest-in-charge and Mother June at 67 percent time.

The 2011 budget also includes a 1/2 time church secretary with staff benefits.

As in previous years, the Vestry will closely monitor the budget and make revisions as may be necessary.

Music Program Report Kary W. Hyre

This has been our third complete Liturgical Year at St. John's, and it has been wonderful. Janet and I are so pleased to be a part of this congregation. It is inspiring to be among parishioners with so much musical talent, ability, and in the midst of a Sunday morning congregation that really loves to sing.

The music program has continued to develop in several directions:

Choirs and Ensembles

♪ **Jubilate choir** has welcomed a new member and is still progressing in developing its overall sound and blend. And the members are learning some more challenging literature to bring new expression to your Eucharist Celebrations.

♪ **Chancel Choir** members continue to work on developing a smooth, well-blended sound so characteristic of Episcopal choirs across the country. The Chancel Choir has attracted a couple of additional male singers which has been a blessing to the whole choir as well as myself. Still, men of the parish – I invite you to step up to the challenge of joining us. We need a few more good male singers.

♪ **The Compline Choir** also maintains excellence in presenting this unique spiritual experience. During this period we began to augment our use of Gregorian Chant for psalm singing by occasionally using Anglican Chant. The Choir sold out its CD recordings and so ordered a reprinting for future sales. It is a privilege for me to work with these fine musicians.

♪ **Contemporary Ensemble** has begun to develop some Opening and Closing Voluntary music for performance by the whole group. This has added a new dimension to the group.

♪ **The Sacred Jazz Ensemble** has continued its strong tradition of excellence. I have enjoyed adding the dimension of pipe organ to this style of music.

♪ We are thankful for the rejuvenation of **Liturgical Dancing** for our celebrations and are exploring new ways to incorporate this form into our liturgies.

St. John's Instruments

The instrument report provides somewhat cheerful news:

Concert Grand Piano During this period we continued to work with our service technician, Mike Reiter Piano Service, to complete the total *restoration of the*

concert grand piano. The first phase was completed in 2008-2009, so now the action is entirely new. This greatly improved the sound of the piano, though it was still lacking clarity and buoyancy, especially in the treble which was quite dead. We are thankful for a private gift that enabled this necessary work.

We received a second private gift in December of 2009 which allowed us to complete the second part of our rebuilding plan for the piano. The piano was removed to a local shop. It received a new pin block (the heavy wood structure that holds the tuning pins), new hitch pins, corrected the bridges off the tuning pins and new tuning pins, and complete set of new strings. Cracks in the bridges were repaired to assure that the string vibration is entirely transferred to the sound-board. St. John's parish now owns a virtually a new piano as originally built by Baldwin and the sound is spectacular.

The Organ The *organ* has suffered some water damage. If you have heard a low bass tone throughout morning services, that is the organ which has a "cipher" or note that plays very softly (luckily), but constantly. Low C and D of the Pedal Bourdon pipes have been water damaged and so cannot be brought to full speech. The Trompette c4 is now silent. We are thankful for the services of Bill Unbehaun in keeping the instrument functional and in tune. It is time for the Parish to begin thinking about replacing the pipe organ with a well voiced, strongly built, rejuvenated instrument with modern slider wind chests.

List of music offerings at St. John's

As an addendum to this report is our St. John's Music Report for the Last Quarter of the 2009-2010 Liturgical Year in brochure form. We are posting these musical listings on St. John's Music webpage as well.

St. Cecilia's Guild

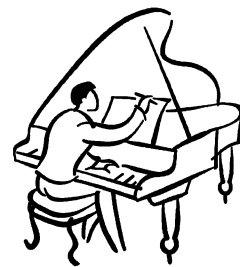
The Guild has taken a more active role in assisting with St. John's Concert Series. Guild member Kate Walsh seeks out potential performers for the Parish to present five concerts each season. Kate and Mindy Chambers have both worked to assure publicity so that our outreach to this tri-city community has resulted in large audience draws for these concerts.

The series is now financially self-supporting and our performers have been provided reasonable compensation for their efforts. Planning is complete for the 2011-2012 series and underway for the 2012-2013 series. The Guild also participated in the June Jumble and Christmas Faire, offering the Compline Choir's two CDs for sale as well as tickets to various musical events.

The Guild was successful in bringing some additional musical offerings to our regular 10:30 am services: A premiere of a new composition for soprano and string quartet by Fred Frahm called *Advent*; and following a suggestion from a parishioner, a German singing soloist to provide multi-lingual caroling before our Christmas II celebration as well as offering a beautiful solo selection from Händel's *Messiah*.

The Guild provided a beautiful reproduced painting of St. Cecilia for the Sanctuary. With the approval of Building and Grounds, it has been hung permanently behind the organ console.

I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in worship at St. John's. The supportive worship, participatory environment and positive, caring community give inspiration for all, and provide a rewarding, positive experience for the performing arts.



Sexton's Report Michael Magallon

There are many people who volunteer their time and energy to make St. John's a welcoming place. Without the volunteers doing their parts the Sexton job would be impossible. There are a few key people whom I would like to especially thank including: Don Duncan, Rick Weatherman, Rick Cooper, Babe Muzatko, Ray Willard, Dennis Cooper, Darren Chidester, Jack Stegenga, Roberta Loeb, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and other volunteers. Thank you all for your hard work. During 2010 at St. John's we've worked on countless projects to help

improve and maintain our facility. In July, I attended a boiler training seminar on repair and maintenance of our boilers. While there, found out important information about a retrofit to make our boilers more reliable. I'm happy to report that the repairs are made and the boilers are now running continuously. Also in a continuing effort to be good stewards of the earth we started the process of the Genesis covenant which mandates that we reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 50% within 10 years. We compiled data from 2006 to present to determine our greenhouse gas

emissions baseline. With this data we will be able to track if we are heading in the right direction. The largest improvement that we've made is installing a new phone system. As we move forward into 2011, we are going to continue to work on the Genesis covenant and work towards reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. We are also in the beginning stages of looking at the disaster preparedness program for St. John's. We are working to replace old exit signs with new LED lights to reduce our energy and maintain cost. We are looking forward to 2011.

El Hogar Mission in Honduras Sue Michie

It was with sadness that we learned of the departure of Luis Miguel Ramos Espinoza from El Hogar in the spring. However, we know that our support allowed him to get a good education and hopefully has helped him to get a good job. We had supported him for 8 years and we wish him well. The good news is that we now are the sponsors of a new student, Jaison **Jahir** Perez Ordonez. Jahir is a new student at El Hogar's *The Home of Love and Hope* and is in the first

grade. He was living with his elderly grandmother who asked them to help Jahir. His mother is into drugs and does not care adequately for him. He does not know his Dad, who disappeared long ago. Jahir is shy but he is excited about going to school and learning to read. He is enjoying the happy atmosphere at El Hogar. The Mission of El Hogar is to provide a loving home and education in a Christian environment for abandoned, orphaned and hopelessly poor boys,

enabling them to fulfill their ultimate potential as productive human beings in Honduras. St. John's commits \$1500 each year to support Jahir. We sent El Hogar our yearly check in June, thanks to you – his Godparents – and your generosity. Your support continues to be outstanding. Please continue to support El Hogar and keep Jahir and the El Hogar boys in your prayers.

Altar Guild Mary Ann Mahurin

The Altar Guild is the Priest's guild and we assist the clergy by preparing the church for all services and occasions. We work in teams, covering one week each month, and the old saying "many hands make light work" holds true here. We develop lasting friendships and have a hard time saying goodbye to our members when they "retire".

We have 19 members and several special former members who remain involved in many special ways. Mary Alice Olson faithfully washes and irons the large altar cloths. Karen Bray and Wilma McCord provide special floral arrangements when we need help. These labors of love do not go unnoticed by the rest of us. We are extremely grateful for these

women and the women who fill in a substitutes when one of us is unavailable for duty.

The Altar Guild is always in need of new members, and we don't discriminate against men. If you think you might like to work at a 'behind the scenes' job, please contact Mary Ann Mahurin through the church office.

Director
Mary Ann Mahurin

Treasurer
Pat Jacobs

Members

Ann Hall
Deena Cady
Kay Cooper
Lydia Groseclose
Mary-Helen Hansen
Hope Duncan
Pat Jacobs
Mary Ann Mahurin
Elsie Muzatko
Larrel O'Keefe
Carleta Rawlings
Margaret Schepcke
Vicki Schmidt
Sara Thiessen
Tsuneko Thompson
Sharon Ziegler
Tonia McClannahan
Sharlon Jacobs
Michael Mary Sowers



Outreach Committee Sherry Sullivan

Mission Statement: *The Outreach Committee of St. John's is entrusted by the congregation to disperse funds to those people and organizations that compassionately attempt to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our local community—and beyond.*

In 2010, your Outreach Committee was given an **Operating Budget of \$5,000** by the Vestry. This enabled St. John's to continue its annual support of Interfaith Works (\$1800), the Kairos Ministry (\$1400), and the Salvation Army Community Kitchen (previously known as "Bread & Roses"-- @\$200/month). In addition, this year Outreach had a **Designated Funds Budget of \$5,633.68.**

Designated Funds consists of money raised by Outreach-sponsored activities, such as Pura Vida coffee sales, Stohrman's Thriftway Rebate cards, and 3 Rest Stop Weekends. This fund supported Little Red Schoolhouse (\$500), Thurston Co. Ministry in Higher Education (\$600), Oxford House (\$150), Union Gospel Mission's Medical Clinic (\$500), the Cambodian Ministry (\$180), Behavioral Health Resources (\$500), Olympia Early Learning Center (\$500) and funded a Camp Michael scholarship (\$150) for a parish child. In addition, Outreach sponsored "Be an Advent Angel" drive, which generated generous parish member donations to the YWCA "Other Bank," The Thurston Co. Jail Ministry, the Salvation Army Christmas Dinner Baskets, and "Festival of Gifts" Christmas presents



for needy nursing home residents.

By participating in these various Outreach-sponsored activities and projects, the people of St. John's contributed greatly to extending and deepening Outreach mission efforts. **We continue to welcome suggestions, visits, and participation from any and all who are interested in the work of Outreach.** Please feel free to contact a member or come to a meeting—held (somewhat irregularly--check beforehand!) second Tuesdays in the Guild Boardroom.

Members: Sherry Sullivan, Judy Williams, Ruth Furman, Mary Helen Hansen, Karen Bray, Kathleen McKinney, and Stephanie Schreck.

St. Martha's Guild Hope Duncan

St. Martha's Guild meets at 10:30 am through lunch for fellowship and fun on the second Friday of each month. We would be happy to have anyone interested in joining us visit one of our meetings. Some of our meetings are handcraft work meetings.

In May and December, we have a no-host lunch and get-away.

We also prepare and serve the Easter choir breakfast.

Our boutique at the Christmas Faire features handmade holiday items, note cards and Christmas ornaments.

We raise money with our programs and give generously to church projects and various charities.

President

Hope Duncan

Treasurer

Marguerite Holcomb

Members

Nancy Axell
Carol Beghin
Lorraine Bentley
Lois Bullard
Margorie Bryant
Louise Courter
Patricia De Boer
Dee Dick
Ruth Furman
Kathleen Greenman
Mary-Helen Hansen
Margureite Holcomb
Christie Kruger
Terri Lolcama
Mary Ann Mahurin
Wilma McCord
Edna Metzger
Elsie Muzatko
Sharon Pierce-Smorynski
Michael Mary Sowers
Doris St. Louis
Marj Twelves
Nancy Vineyard
Alberta Walsworth
Barbara Williams



Monday Morning Crafters

The Monday Morning Crafters meet most Mondays from 10a.m.-1p.m. to share crafting skills, fellowship, helping others and learning new skills.

Some of the crafts we do include paper crafting: cards and envelopes, beading: jewelry, purses and pictures, knitting: scarves and slippers, crochet and more.

We accept donations of yarn, fabric, fancy papers, beads and beading supplies.

Please join us when you can bring your favorite craft to work on and to share.

Current attendees include Hope Duncan, Jenny Loudon, Mary Bruce, Mary Ann Mahurin and Kathleen Greenman and Mary-Helen Hansen.



Adult Christian Formation Rev. June Johnson

The Adult Christian Formation group continues to meet and plan programs for our Sunday Forums. In addition to this, it has, with input from clergy and others, planned other programs that have a distinct spiritual emphasis.

The goals of the group are to build up the body of Christ through programs that inform and educate our members, so that we may go out into the world equipped to help our neighbors and spreading the Good News of Jesus, thus bringing God's Kingdom closer to its fulfillment.

This past year we have seen or heard from many different people and groups.

Some of our Sunday Forum programs have included a Bible Study led by Jack Waggoner, Bob Peck speaking on Theological topics of interest, "getting to know you" by our new Priest in Charge, John Allen. Roberta Waggoner facilitated a four week

series this Advent which allowed us to experience the Advent Prophecies through the lens of *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* children's curriculum.

Some of the special programs have included: In Lent, an evening class, "Living the Questions", a video and discussion series. This past Advent, a two-week series at Sunday forums featured, getting to know some of the social service agencies in our area that we support.. The result of this particular two-week program was a huge outpouring of gifts and financial support for several agencies in and around Olympia that were represented.

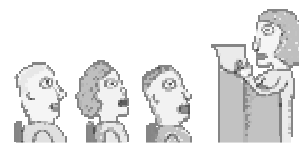
Other programs supported by Adult Formation is the weekly Wednesday Bible Study that Mother June continues to facilitate. Each week at 10 am the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday is read and discussed. Many of the members have been coming for several years. All are invited to come when able.

Men's Study group meets on Saturday mornings.

This past fall we have added a new program, **Women's Spirituality Group**. Each 1st Sat. of the month, women of St. John's meet to discuss a book that has been chosen. In 2011, we continue with *Sacred Attention* by Margaret McGee. All women of the parish are invited to join in.

It has been a busy and rewarding year as we strive to being meaningful programs of Christian Formation to you the parishioners. We always invite your input.

By The Rev. June Johnson



The Church Library Jenny Louden

The Library is always open except when a group has scheduled it or when the church is closed. To check out a book or AV item from the "grown-ups" Library, take the card out of its pocket in the front or back, sign your name and the current date (like 01/30/11) on the card and drop it into the box on the wall by the Library door or the basket if you are checking out from the book cart in the Parish Hall. Take it, enjoy reading or watching, and return it when you are finished (hopefully in a few weeks). When you return materials, place them in the basket marked "Returned Books" on the floor under the box on the wall in the Library.

You may borrow books or A/V materials from the Children's Library without signing for them. Just take what you wish and return to the shelves when you've finished.

Library Committee members currently are Diane Russell. Joyce Smith, Janice Jackson, Wilma McCord,

and Christie Kruger. Our objectives for 2011 are listed on the small window in the library, along with "lead" workers for each task. We meet monthly on the third Thursday at 2:30, in the library. We always welcome new members. For more information, see the flyer on the kiosk in the Parish Hall, or just come in and explore your Library.

--Jenny Loudon, Librarian



Sunday School Mother June Johnson

This past year has been challenging for our parish with regard to our Sunday School program. From January until May, the program flourished under the direction of Tsuneko Nakatani. With her resignation at the end of May, the program has been without a full time coordinator.

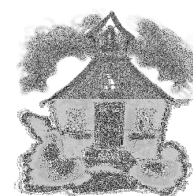
Last winter and spring, the children continued their learning in class along with a couple of special events. In the spring, children paired up with adults to visit our shutins, taking them the warmth of their smiles along with a special gift. At the end of the program year,

we celebrated our youth on May 17th, noting their commitment and honoring our adult volunteers.

Beginning in September, 2010, Mthr. June stepped in as interim coordinator. There have been some changes as we began our program year. With the change of the late church service to 10:30am, Sunday School now begins at **10:15am**. An important part of Christian Formation of our children includes time spent in church with the adults. The children are in class nearly an hour and come into the church at the Peace to be with their parents.

This fall, the Sunday School hosted a Halloween Party in the Parish Hall which was attended by about a dozen children.

The two classes that are in place at this time are: Preschool through 1st grade, led by Vickie Focke, Lydia Groscluse, and assistant, Meagan O'Keefe. The second class consists of 2nd through 4th grade students led by Anne Hall and Alex VanHook.



KAIROS Prison Ministry Rob Michie

WOW AGAIN!! Thanks to St. John's for participating in and contributing to Kairos. This has been a year of change in the Washington State prison system with two large prisons being closed, McNeil and Pine Lodge (eastside). Both had Kairos programs in place. Also, the Department of Corrections changed policies, including one that precludes outside organizations from bringing food/cookies "inside."

However, with strong support from the congregation and the Outreach Committee, in particular, Kairos has managed to open a new ministry at the Washington Corrections Center near Shelton. Parishioners Babe Muzatko, Rev. Godson Ofoebu, Jim Stanford, Ken Michie, Deacon Tony Irving, Janelle and Dan Longmire, Deacon Terri Lolcama, Bob Lolcama, and Rob Michie are an important part of the 40

person team of volunteers preparing for the Shelton Kairos Weekend to be held January 27-30, 2011. We are excited to bring God's love to those "inside" the Shelton prison.

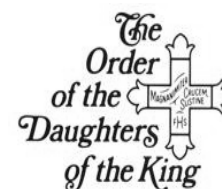
DAUGHTERS OF THE KING - QUINN NEAL CHAPTER

Fawn Hacker

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. We are a religious order founded in 1885 and as Daughters we follow a Rule of Life of Prayer and Service. Each member prays daily for those on our prayer list and serves as a volunteer at church and/or in the community. Our Chapter meets on the first Wednesday of the month and we welcome all women to join us for our meetings or in daily prayers for those in

need. Prayer requests may be made several ways: you can call the church; complete the blue prayer card found in the pews and put it in the offertory plate; send a request through St. John's website; write a request in the book found on the small altar near the entrance to the sanctuary; or speak directly to a Daughter of the King. We can be recognized by the equal armed cross that we all wear.

Currently, Mother June, a Daughter of the King and member of our Chapter, is serving as the Chaplain for the Olympia Diocesan Assembly.



St. Anne's Guild Melinda Scharf

St Anne's is a fellowship guild that meets the third Thursday of each month at noon for a social lunch gathering. Our membership is small but very dedicated to keeping the guild together. Many of our members have been with St. Anne's for over 40 years.

We had the pleasure this year to celebrate Helen Goeckner's 100th birthday and Betty Yantis' 90th birthday. Sadly, we lost our dear friend Stella Warner.

St Anne's has three activities during the year:

- Restaurant Lunch Outing in May
- Annual Potluck in September at the Yantis home
- Selling Home Made goods at the Olde English Christmas Faire in November

Our February meeting is when we have the pleasure of choosing together how to spend the funds earned during the previous

year. In 2010 we donated \$860 to the following:

- \$100 Brentwood Homes
 - \$210 Discretionary funds to be divided upon the 3 priests at St. John's
 - \$150 Camp Michael
 - \$100 El Hogar
 - \$200 Cambodian Family Adoption
 - \$100 Sexton Michael Thank You
- We look forward to continuing our fellowship and activities in 2011.

C.H.A.T. HOSTS (COFFEE HOUR AFTER TEN THIRTY)

Nancy Axell

We are trying a new way to ensure we have hosts for C.H.A.T., which is the social time after our 10:30am service every Sunday by focusing on BIRTHDAYS. If every household chose a Sunday near the birthday of one of its members--just one Sunday in the year--there would be more than

enough hosts to keep tummies happy and the conversation bubbling. CHAT has long been an opportunity to welcome newcomers as well as catching up on "Agatha's" latest piece of news. We ask for two households to sign up per week. Suggestions for doing CHAT are on

the board above the coffee machine. (Questions? call Nancy Axell 754-6516). THANKS and HAPPY CHATTING!



Office Volunteers Michelle Lozar

If someone would have told me a year ago that I would be working in an office with the most amazing volunteers, I would have laughed and said "yeah, right". Well here I am at St. Johns Episcopal Church working with those AMAZING volunteers on a daily basis. I feel very fortunate to have each and every one of them by my side accomplishing our tasks at hand. This is not the typical office that I have worked in before; here there is an abundance of laughter and a lot of love. It is very nice to walk into the office and have someone there to greet me with a smile (and usually a hug).

With all that was said about the heavy work load during the Holiday season I was very leery about making it through without pulling my hair out. Fortunately, for me, I had an immense amount of help from volunteers and staff members who were more than happy to assist in any way possible and guide me in the right direction. I am honored to work with such

pleasant people who are willing to go the extra mile.

The volunteers take on such tasks as: answering phones, getting bulk mail ready to be sent out, copying, assisting visitors, and many other tasks that they may be assigned. Thank you for all that you have done, and all that we will be doing in 2011.

A special thank you to Christie Kruger for all of your hard work on the chronicle, and to the ladies on the Altar Guild who bring the office such lovely flowers on occasion. I also want to thank all of the wonderful people who stop by just to say hi or give their weekly hugs!! Last, but not least, thank you Michael, for showing me the ropes and helping me in any way you can. You all brighten my day.

Here is to a new and productive year, --Michelle



Volunteer Services

Volunteers

Jean Laws
Mary Ann Mahurin
Rod Baldwin
Wilma McCord
Laird Will
Linda Madison
Edith Pill
Phyllis Soloy
Laurie Young
Nancy Axell
Margaret Schepke

Volunteer Substitutes

Fred Adair
Jenny Loudon
Diane Russell
Kathleen Greenman
Margery Crover
Christie Kruger

Vestry Member Bios

Tim Tayne

Tim Tayne was born into the Episcopal Church. His grandmother, the church organist, would reward Tim and his sister with a trip to the candy store if they were good and quiet. They did get some trips. Tim, his wife Laura, and son Adrian began coming to St John's in the late 1980's. Andrew was born in 1990 and was baptized here.

Tim's work career has centered on microbiology and chemistry. He owns a company that manages public water systems.

Tim is currently filling a one year vestry position.

Lee Mohler

Lee is a retired Professor and Chair of the Mathematics Department at Saint Martin's University. He became an Episcopalian in 1986 at Saint Andrew's church in Birmingham, Alabama and has been a member of Saint John's for 18 years. Lee's interests include music and history of science. Lee looks forward to this chance to serve the Saint John's community.

Chuck Moore

Chuck was born in Kerrville, Texas and grew up in Houma, Louisiana. After graduating from Terrebonne High School, Chuck attended Austin College (1977) and then Washington University (St. Louis, 1979). He briefly worked for the U.S. Navy before entering private industry at Stanwick and Raytheon Corp, first living in Ventura, then Santa Barbara, California. During that time Chuck attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Ventura) and All-Saints-by-the-Sea (Santa Barbara). Chuck was involved in the adult choir, folk choir, and Cursillo. He also served as a Lay reader and Eucharistic Minister.

In 1988, Chuck was called to Olympia by the State of Washington. Chuck has worked for the State of Washington, with the exception of a small time-out to go to graduate-school.

Chuck has been active in St. Johns since 1994. Chuck has organized monthly themed potlucks, the annual Powell's train-trek, worked on the St. John's computer infrastructure, and other activities.

Ricci (Ric) Weatherman

Ric is honored to serve as a vestry member. He will work to help maintain St. John's wonderful service to the parishioners and the community. Ric has served on other vestries, most recently in Alaska. St. Francis on the Kenai Peninsula was a very small Episcopal church with all of the church members helping to keep it going. Ric was baptized as an Episcopalian in Enterprise, Oregon. The family would drive forty miles to attend services and sometimes make up half of the congregation. St. John's has always been Lesley and Ric's "home" church for the past forty years. Whenever, they were in Olympia they would attend with Lesley's parents, Edna and Les Metzger. Ric and Lesley lived in the Olympia area from 1978 to 1984 before they moved to Alaska. They moved back to Olympia in 2003.

Busy Bees *Mary Jane Hancock*

The Busy Bees continue to have birthday parties for the Brentwood girls on or near each girl's birthday. At our back to school pizza party we gave each girl a basket filled with items for school. In addition we gave each girl a gift card for school clothes. We fill Christmas stockings and Easter baskets for each girl. We have started the Mary Campbell Award Program at Brentwood. Each quarter there is a special quality, like helpfulness or kindness, for the girls to achieve. The first award is a charm bracelet and a charm. If the same girl "wins" more than once, she gets an additional charm for her bracelet.

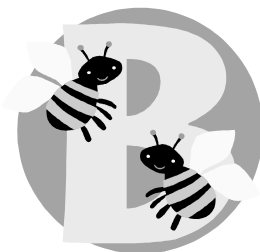
We sold our ever expanding honey products at the Christmas Faire. We also receive a share of the profits from

the June Jumble. The funds earned from those two activities with additional gifts from Busy Bee supporters provide the money for our projects. This year, because we are still researching other programs for young women, our share of the June Jumble was given to the YWCA Other Bank.

This fall we hosted a "shower/birthday" party for the young women and children in the Independent Living Skills program at Children and Youth Service. We are working with the ILS staff to find a place where the Busy Bees can be of service in the ILS program.

We appreciate the support from St. John's and St. Benedict's Congregations. Should you be interested in our activities or care to

join us, contact any Busy Bee or Mary Jane Hancock at (360) 357-7197 or Sue Michie at (360) 866-0523.



Stewardship Committee *Linda Madison*

Committee Members include Linda Madison, Chairperson, Bob Peck, Jim Stanford, Jim Zabel, Gerry Apple, Fred Adair, and Jeri Ramsey. Rob Michie and Alan Ziegler were frequent contributors to the process. After several meetings we settled on sending out a letter and having several “informational” meetings after church services to generate interest in the campaign. The campaign started on September 26 and ended with a Stewardship Thank-you Chat on November 7. We did not make our goal this year



but we were close. We had 147 pledges totaling \$356,793.

Thanks to all who helped with the campaign. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We are starting a new campaign year next month. Any person willing and able to help set up a more year round inclusive stewardship program is invited to join our group. No help will be refused! Contact Linda Madison (360-943-4416) or the church (360-352-8527) to volunteer.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *Roberta Waggoner*

The atrium has been living in St John’s for five years now; connecting children to the love of God and worship in the sanctuary. The atrium was the place in the early church where the catechumens were prepared. For the child, too, the atrium is a place of preparation for involvement in the larger worshipping community. It is at once a retreat house facilitating recollection and silence and a place of work which becomes a conversation with God.

Children aged 3 to 6 years old are particularly capable of receiving and enjoying the most essential elements of our faith; the announcement of God’s love, in the person of the Good Shepherd, who died and is risen. There are several materials available to help make the life of Christ real to the child. Simple, handmade materials (like dioramas with historical figures/people) support the reading of the infancy narratives in the Bible. The children may work with these materials after an adult has read the scripture passage to them using the materials to show the action. A scripture booklet (copy of the relevant passages from the Bible) is kept with each set of materials; the child may ask that this be read to them as they work with the materials. There are also geography

materials that show that the land of Israel is a real place. The model of the city of Jerusalem and of the empty tomb are the starting point for understanding the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the Light of the world.

Many materials on the parables of the kingdom of God are of interest to the children. A small cabinet with miniature versions of the altar materials is a decided favorite! The children learn the names of the paten, chalice, candles, crucifix and more as they set them out on a small altar and credence table. The historical character of these materials are made real to the child through materials and a scripture reading describing the Last Supper, Christ’s death, and His resurrection.

Prayer and a prayerful mood are essential elements of the atrium. We believe that God has a direct relationship with each person. The role of the adult in the atrium is to assist this relationship; the child’s teacher is the Spirit of God within each child.

We started the 2010-11 year with four adults and nine children in the atrium. Six of those children regularly attend the 10:30 service at St. John’s. Two regularly attend mass at St. Michael’s.

One child is not affiliated with a church at this time. His parents and grandparents have been bringing him to our atrium weekly for 3 years now and they have stories of him telling them about the Good Shepherd.

St. John’s hosted a training for catechists (the adults in the atrium) this year. One St. John’s member was able to attend. Funding for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd comes from a designated fund. Volunteers donate time and materials to make the program possible. We are very grateful to them! Some people attending the training this year commented that our atrium was the most beautiful atrium they have seen! Quite a complement and thanks to our hard working volunteers who have made beautiful materials and even slippers for the children to wear!

Much of my description of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd here has come from a blue pamphlet published by the national organization of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. I have ordered many of these pamphlets. They will be available at the front office.



Men's Group Bill Unbehaun

The St. John's Men's Group has 10 members and meets Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10. There is usually some form of nourishment and coffee. We begin with an opportunity for comment on our lives and concerns. This is followed by lively discussion of a book or topic of general interest, focused on how this affects, and is affected, by our faith life. The books we have read recently include Take This Bread by Sara Miles, the story of a woman's

conversion experience and food ministry; and The Shack by W. Paul Young, a man's search for meaning and faith after the violent death of his young daughter. We are currently reading Streams of Living Water by Richard J. Foster, an exploration of six traditions or expressions of Christianity (such as contemplative, evangelical, or social justice) with examples from the Bible, the early church and recent history of people whose lives exemplifies these

traditions. Men interested in joining us are welcome. Bill Unbehaun is the group convener, and can be reached at 438-2907 or unbie1@comcast.net, or just show up.



St. Mary's Guild Jan Akin

St. Mary's members strive to support St. John's in projects needed that update, improve or support goals for facility improvements. During 2010 fundraising efforts provided new kitchen counters, in previous years the Guild spearheaded fundraising efforts to install the red doors entering the Sanctuary and repairs and replacement to kneelers. Current efforts are being organized to update additional Sanctuary needs with the goal of completion in 2011 or soon after. St. Mary's also continues to contribute to the scholarship and

expense needs of Camp Michael. Many of the ladies of St. Mary's were the early leaders and organizers of St. John's guilds and committees and Christian Education efforts. St. Mary's provides a place and time to gather, to stay current with activities and issues important to our church family when transportation and energy for this work is less available, but other efforts can provide the needed facility attention mentioned above. Join us for lunch one day soon! We meet for lunch on the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of

June, July and August. December's gathering joins many groups, guilds and committees in support of the St. John's annual Christmas Faire. Contact any member listed for information: Jan Akin, Meredith Blundell, Lynn Brunton, Joanne Cunningham, Tricia Durham, Mary Hommeyer, Pat Jacobs, Janet Latta, Sarah Smyth McIntosh, Margaret McPhee, Sue Overton, Victoria Schmidt, Gretchen Sturtevant, Elinor Vadman and Sharon Ziegler.

Diocesan Convention Delegates Kathleen McKinney

St John's sends four men and four women delegates to our diocesan fall convention. Delegates serve a two-year term. The diocese asks that we also elect alternates in case a delegate cannot attend convention. In 2010, we needed all our alternates. As a convention delegate you represent St. John's when you vote to elect for various offices, the annual diocesan budget and for resolutions.

St. John's is a member of the Willapa region. There are usually two regional meetings that delegates also attend to learn about the proposed budget.

Most of our delegates are continuing for their second term. Continuing delegates do not need to

be re-elected. The seven continuing delegates are: Linda Madison, Jens-Dieter Stahmer, Ted Focke, Vicki Focke, Daren Chidester, Hope Duncan and Kathleen McKinney.

Running for a delegate position is: **Dennis Cooper**

Running for alternate are: **Kay Cooper, Georgie Allen, Larrel O'Keefe and Ray Willard.**

We need one more woman alternate and three men alternates.

Requirements are that you are a member in good standing. New delegates and alternates must be approved at our annual meeting.

Please nominate or self nominate so we can ensure that St. John's has all the votes we are allowed.



Adopt a Cambodian Family Project

Sherry Sullivan

With the generous support of pledges from members of St. John’s, and members of the south sound and extended Cambodian communities of western Washington, this ministry is concluding its 3rd successful year. Our mission is to extend financial and other forms of assistance to carefully selected individuals and families in Cambodia so poor, and often also disabled, that they are unable to provide for themselves. Our annual budget to meet their needs continues to be approximately \$10,000, distributed 3 times a year through the non-profit Khmer Alliance Foundation. This past year, we again provided funds to purchase food for 34 families. In addition, we began a Pilot Seed Grant Program which gave modest start-up funds to 5

otherwise capable individuals among our families to help them to start a business or obtain training to support themselves and their families. For example, the funds purchased a sewing machine & bicycle, piglets, chickens, and merchandise to sell at the market. We will continue this program in the coming year, and expand it to another 5 individuals. The goal is for our recipients to achieve economic self-sufficiency, provide support for their families, and become productive members of the community in which they live. Thank you to all St. John’s members who so generously supported this program through their prayers, attendance at the annual Cambodian dinner, and direct donations. We could not show so much of

God’s love without your love and support!
We welcome suggestions or participation in this ministry by anyone interested in joining us.
Please see Tithia Sum or Sherry Sullivan.

Holy Hospitality Steph Schreck

We began this committee June of 2010. The purpose is to make St. John’s as welcoming and user friendly as possible to all who enter. Looking ahead to the first 12-18 months, we targeted areas that we felt needed addressing, prioritizing the first focus points. As of today the following is what we have completed, what things are in process and a few that will be addressed as others are completed:
Completed:
Nursery relocation
New Phone System (funding provided by the Event Committee)
Newcomer Committee Chair-Georgie Allen
Welcome Table for Newcomers
Moved Sunday service from 10 am to 10:30 am to allow for expanded adult education between Services.
In the works:
Parish Hall wall display-what St. John’s is all about-completion scheduled by the annual meeting
Newcomer Guide-Large
Newcomer Brochure-we

currently are offering one which is temporary
Recruitment of Newcomer Committee members
Revised business cards and stationary
Web Site update, an ongoing project
Sound System review – the study is in process, the next steps are the summary of findings, recommendations for change and project cost
Document review – information has been gathered and the first review/editing has been done. Final review is the next step.
To do:
Additional Service for young adults/teens
Receiving families into church liturgically
Development of classes for “seekers” and newcomers
Professional signage
Install light for outdoor sign
Purchase city street signs

So as you can see we have been busy, yet looking forward to the end results within this next year. We are always seeking anyone who would like to be a part of this venture!
Stephanie Schreck

Service Participants and Tellers *Laird Will*

Thank you for your ministry to St. John's in 2010 by being an usher, lector, teller, or Eucharistic minister. We really appreciate all the help you give us at St. John's with the church services.

New participants are always welcome. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office or the scheduler.

Scheduler

Laird Will

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers

Gerald Apple
Troy Atwell
Dan Baker
John Boylan
Mindy Chambers
Daren Chidester
Usrah Claar-Rice
Lucy Clifthorne
Mary Conley Law
Dennis Cooper
Kay Cooper
Rick Cooper
Lydia Groschlose

Kathryn Hackworth
Mary Helen Hansen
Joseph Hartman
Paula Hughart
Ann Hutcheson
Doug Hutcheson
Helen Johnston
Keith Laws
Jean Laws
Jenny Loudon
Lou MacMillan
Kathryn McLeod
Churck Moore
Craig Mosley
Bill Murray
Mary Alice Olson
Bob Peck
Rawlings Family
Adele Roberts
Barbara Roder
Renee Rodriguez
Rob Seeley
Ron Smorynski
Sharon Pierce-Smorynski
Gretchen Sturtevant
Sherry Sullivan
Alexis Sulek-Dommes
Tithia Sum
Tim Tayne
Kate Walsh

Laird Will
Judy Williams
Frona Woods
Laurie Young

Tellers

Fred Adair
Mary Jane Adair
Nancy Axell
Mary Bruce
Lucy Clifthorne
Margery Crover
Eloise Dean
Stephanie Elder
Mary Jane Hancock
Lenore Kneeshaw
Sharon Pierce-Smorynski
Adele Roberts
Judy Williams

Play Reading Group *Jenny Loudon*

The Play Reading Group meets monthly, generally the third Sunday, after CHAT. We usually have a potluck lunch in the Library, followed by reading a play, and we finish at or before 2:30.

This is an entirely open group; there are no members and nearly no duties. Each month, someone volunteers to choose and copy a play for the next month. If you are want to know what plays we have read, there is a list of them in the front of the bottom drawer of the file cabinet in the Library. (Behind the list, in alphabetical order, are copies of each play.)

Usually the person who picked the play is the "Director" of it. He or she assigns parts, and often re-assigns them after a couple of scenes so everyone can have both "major" and "minor" roles. The most "regular" attendees last year were Rick Cooper, Mary Helen Hansen, Marjorie Crover,

Christie Kruger, Laurie Young, Joan Sheldon, myself, and Carolyn Maddox. Obviously, we need more male and young voices!

The Play Reading Group is a fellowship group, based on a simple activity and some discussions. There is lots of laughter at our meetings. If reading plays aloud in a completely comfortable and friendly environment appeals to you, please join this group on any or all of our monthly Sunday afternoon sessions. We are always delighted to welcome new participants!

--Jenny Loudon



Thurston County Jail Ministry Ecumenical Team *John Boylan*

"When I was in prison, you visited me." So says Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. With over 2.3 million men and women incarcerated in the United States--more than any nation on earth--honoring our Christian responsibility is indeed challenging. And the reality is that nobody can do the whole of the Gospel by themselves. Gospel living is community living. But we all must support the work of the Gospel that we individually are not able to do. And so it is with St. John's Episcopal Church in

Olympia. Not everyone in our parish can visit the incarcerated at the Thurston County Jail. But a few of us can work collaboratively with a few people at St. Benedict's. Together we can work with other faith communities around the county. And the work of "visiting Jesus" is done in a small but significant way. And everyone contributes with their prayers and with their treasure. On behalf of the hundreds of inmates in this tiny corner of the nation, thank-you for your

prayers and support! The incarcerated men and women throughout the southern Puget Sound Region are most grateful, as well, for the cookies and socks given to them during the holy days. This year's donations surpassed all the previous donations! Again, thank-you for remembering those who are most often forgotten. You didn't do what our culture too often does: "throw away the keys."

Liturgical Dance *Mary Alice Olson*

With the arrival of Fr. John and Georgie Allen in February Liturgical Dance got a boost. Georgie taught six women a beautiful candle dance for the Easter Vigil. Later in the spring, waving streamers and sunflowers six women and two girls presented a lively Pentecost Sunday dance.

A new class devoted to dance technique, idea-sharing and practice of new dances began in September. Many expressed interest in the class and several have provided an enthusiastic corps for dance. The class meets in the sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. It is always open to new members.

Also in September the children of the

church presented a peppy dance for "Welcome Back" Sunday.

Mary Alice Olson and Meri Russell, inspired to make a dance in honor of John Twelves, presented "Dance for John" in early October. Kary and Janet Hyre sang "Panis Angelicus" for this very special dance. There will soon be a video available in the church library.

The new dance class debuted with the "Lord's Prayer Dance" in gesture form. We were heartened by the congregation's joining in. The women also danced a joyful processional and recessional on Christ the King Sunday.

On the Feast of the Epiphany three dancers brought light into the service

with a candle dance. Elizah Sum danced the featured part in Cambodian style. Jubilate sang "The Silent Stars Shine Down on Us."

January 30 there will be a modern dance called "Starry Night." It is set to the music of an exquisite Benedictus.

Liturgical Dance is planning a FUNdraiser March 6 during CHAT. It will be in the form of a Mardi Gras Cakewalk. The festivities will include several short performance dances in various styles for your enjoyment.

Mary Alice Olson,
Director of Liturgical
Dance



Acolytes *Laird Will*

Thank you for your ministry to St. John's in 2010 by being an Acolyte. We really appreciate all the help you gave us at St. John's with the church services.

The end of 2010 was very exciting with the New Acolytes that joined to help out. We were also able to put together a New Training Guide. Also we have New Acolyte Crosses that they are now wearing. Look forward to 2011 as we will continue with Acolyte training and more social events.

New Acolyte's are always welcome. If you are interested in helping, please

contact the church office or the director.

Acolyte Director
Laird Will

Acolytes
Chuck Moore
Frona Woods
Laird Will
Meagan O'Keefe
Catherine Willard
Wes Baker
Gospel Akuta
Dustin Miller
Colleen Loranger

(Acolytes cont.)

Jordan Perman
Jack Willard
Ashley Seeley
Jazmin McClanahan
Elizah Sum
Sondrar Son
Joy Drescher
Eddie Miller
Alex Van Hook
Josh Perman
Leah Shields



