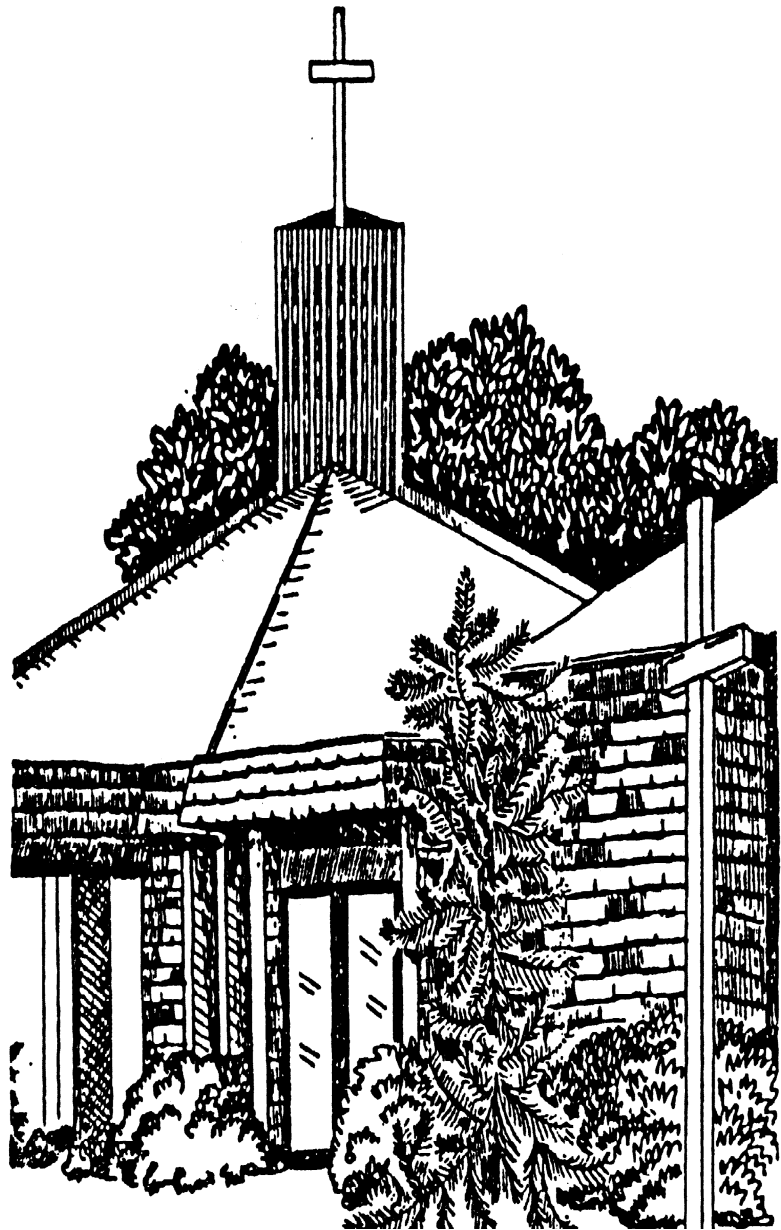


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REPORT OF THE RECTOR

The Very Reverend Randall L. Prior

I want to thank all the people who contributed to this annual report. It is a very complete summary of our ministry and testifies to the multitude of diverse activities that are part of our life through the year. I also want to call your attention especially to the fine report of our senior warden, Nancy Tillinghast which very succinctly summarizes most of the major accomplishments and challenges in the year past. All the reports deserve a close read in order to appreciate all that we accomplish in God's name together in this place.

I will add just a few bullet points and highlights from my perspective as rector.

- ❖ Our year began with a change of staff as the Rev. Lisa Goforth moved to Claremore, Oklahoma to become rector of a congregation and on February 1, 2009 the Rev. Jeanie Martinez joined our work as Assistant Rector. I am appreciative for the work of both of these priests. Lisa helped us get the new J2A program for youth established in 2008 and Jeanie has worked very hard to expand and improve that program now in its second year. This offers great promise for our work with young people in the future and I am especially grateful for the team of J2A mentors who have been the pioneers and guides for J2A in its initial 2 year cycle.
- ❖ In March we moved from our temporary worship quarters in the Parish Hall into our newly renovated nave for worship. Your faithful support and forbearance during our time in parish hall was appreciated. The nave renovation accomplished all of the goals we had for it. The acoustical liveliness of the space is everything we hoped and has been a source of constant comment especially by musicians who have played there. The new lighting offers state of the art flexibility and the new woodwork adds beauty to our familiar worship surroundings. The audio visual ministry of our young people started in the parish hall continues in the nave as they tend the A-V booth to control the new sound system each week. The addition of an HVAC system in the nave offers greater comfort, quiet operation and more energy efficient operation. All the groups which support our worship have adjusted well to the new nave for which I am grateful.
- ❖ Completion of our Ministry for Tomorrow goals is still a work in progress. We have only just begun the installation of the new organ as 2009 comes to an end. We expect that to be accomplished in the early months of 2010. Our property acquisition efforts have also been deferred until a later time pending a firm decision by the Graham's to relocate. A committee established to address that issue ascertained first that they were not motivated to sell at this time and second that our best efforts at this point should be directed toward escrowing funds and lining up the financing to purchase the property when it goes on the market. We have succeeded in doing that with the help of Sun Trust Bank and are in a strong position to acquire the property with hopefully little additional borrowing.
- ❖ The active phase of the Ministry for Tomorrow Capital Campaign drew to a close in mid year with a total of \$1.5 million committed to the MFT projects. Payment against pledges continues strong and we have been able to pay for much of what has been done and creatively finance other needs. I want to thank Doug Connell, Chris Conrad, and Bob Edmonds for the leadership they gave to this program in recent years. Their tireless efforts have provided for the future of ministry here in ways that will long bless this congregation.

- ❖ While financial realities and recession took their toll on our 2009 budget, your strong stewardship support through this year and devotion to the ministry of this parish has enabled us to enter the new year with a much brighter budget picture. The 2010 budget funds our program needs well, increases our outreach, and provides a very strong financial position which will enable us to complete the Ministry for Tomorrow vision. We can move into the coming years with a greatly increased capacity for ministry. As always, I need to remind you that the participation and support of every household in our parish is essential for our ministry to prosper and grow in the years ahead. If you have not yet pledged please do so!
- ❖ Beth and Steve Van Beek coordinated a very successful Parish Retreat on All Saints weekend. Over 120 people attended and were brought closer to each other and to a sense of who the saints of God have been for us over the centuries. If you haven't been to our annual retreat plan to try it in 2010.
- ❖ I can't close this report without mentioning once again that challenges to parish ministry represented by erratic worship attendance and program participation that challenge church life in our time. The erosion of church life and of the community we seek to build is seriously compromised by other demands on time. Please remember the church in your stewardship of your time and energy.

As always I want to give special thanks to our gifted and devoted vestry and our wardens Nancy Tillinghast and Amy Dutton who have served us faithfully. We have a wonderfully gifted staff who work tirelessly and creatively to support and further ministry. Lisa Wakeley, who is completing 13 years as Lay Assistant, does wonderful work coordinating lay ministry and carrying a significant part of our pastoral care ministries. Sabine Chinyavong left our staff in October due to health issues and was replaced by Traci Lovelace. Sabine has done wonderful work over the years and continues to be a special person in our lives. I welcome Traci and the extensive skills she has with computers and web development. Michelle Ramsdell continues to improve and upgrade our financial management practices using a newly installed database system through ACS. Will Lambert, Sexton, continues to see to the building maintenance needs of the parish.

In November, Jay Wilcox completed ten years as Organist and Choir Director at St. Andrew's. Jay has used his wonderful sense of liturgy and music to enhance and dignify our worship and build our adult and youth choir programs. I value him as a colleague in ministry and am deeply grateful for his musical gifts and his devotion to this parish. Ether Smith leads the Netcasters in our contemporary worship service and at Shrine Mont and has grown that group both in terms of size and repertoire. We are blessed to have these two fine musicians bring dignity, joy and praise to our worship. Clarisse Schroeder finished her fine ministry as seminarian in May and moved on to her first cure in Tennessee. Greg Morris became our seminarian and with his family has been a welcome addition to our ministry.

I feel richly blessed to serve this parish as rector and to have such wonderful people as friends and colleagues in doing God's work in this place. May God bless each of us as we continue in ministry together in the year ahead.

Faithfully,

RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2010

The Very Reverend Randall L. Prior

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	386	389	369	387	431	449	502	484
TOTAL BAPTIZED PERSONS	1194	1,179	1,190	1,145	1,296	1,269	1,320	1,331
COMMUNICANTS								
Last Report	456	464	448	434	562	562	528	500
+ Added by Confirmation	3	15	17	0	12	15	18	30
+ Received from another								
Communion	5	0	3	0	5	5	1	3
+ Added by Transfer	11	10	16	22	23	9	20	15
+ Added from Inactive	3	0	0	0	5	10	14	7
- Loss by Death	4	2	2	4	4	6	2	3
- Transferred	19	21	11	16	17	12	5	21
- Removal from Active List	14	10	7	0	152	21	12	3
PRESENT NO. OF REGISTERED COMMUNICANTS	441	456	464	448	434	562	562	528
Others not included above	753	723	726	697	862	707	792	803
TOTAL BAPTISM		20	19	17	24	35	19	21
Adults	0	2	2	1	1	7	3	2
Children	11	18	17	16	23	28	16	19
MARRIAGES	2	2	2	2	3	3	5	6
BURIALS	10	6	7	7	4	6	2	5
SUNDAY SCHOOL (ADULTS INCLUDED)								
Teachers	88	67	58	71	84	107	60	55
Students *	221	250	230	200	176	181	253	275
SACRAMENTS/OTHER SVCS.								
Holy Eucharist								
Saturday Evening and Sunday **	140	146	142	141	136	140	141	106
Weekdays and Private ***	111	113	96	81	92	65	112	154
Total Communions	16,653	16,124	17,221	16,814	16,782	17,556	17,540	18,289
Daily Offices and Other Svcs.	16	17	21	29	29	16	21	33
Average Sunday Attendance	318	355	350	370	375	368	370	370
TOTAL ATTENDANCE, ALL SERVICES	19,227	19,971	21,090	21,536	21,369	22,558	21,085	22,343

* Includes registration for Sunday School, Bible School, and Adult Education programs

** Before 2003 this included Sundays only

*** Before 2003 this included Saturday evenings and weekdays

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

The Reverend Jeanie Martinez

This year, we continued our emphasis on Christian formation in our educational programs. Christian Formation is more than just education, but is a process which integrates how we both teach and model the Christian faith – to help all of our community to grow in their spiritual life. We are continuing to infuse our education offerings with an emphasis on both Scripture and Episcopal tradition.

Our youth have grown in faith as they developed a real sense of Christian community through their first year in the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) program. The program consists of three classes – Rite 13 for 7th and 8th graders, J2A for 9th – 10th graders and Young Adults in Church for 11th and 12th graders.

Each class builds upon the important transitions in the teen years, from being a child to becoming a youth into growing into a mature Christian adult. We celebrated our second Rite 13 liturgy in the Spring of 2009, where our entire parish participated with our Rite 13 youth and parents in celebrating the transition from childhood into youth. We're incorporating our youth (as they are ready and are willing), to take on more responsibility in parish ministries, from youth choir to becoming Lectors. This year the YAC class took the lead in planning and organizing the Thanksgiving Basket outreach program. We also sent 16 teens and 6 adults to Workcamp in Elmira, NY.

Our Sunday School programs remain strong and vibrant through the leadership of our Sunday School coordinators, teachers and superintendents. Sunday Adult Forums are supplemented with on-going Bible Studies on Sunday Mornings, Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings. St. Andrew's truly lives into its mission: to consistently "set forth the teaching of Christ as set forth in Scripture."

We are continually working to grow, and deepen our faith at St. Andrew's. My first year at St. Andrews has been filled with joy as I discover daily how welcoming and warm-hearted this faith community is. I am deeply grateful for the Spirit-filled energy of each and every volunteer who gives tirelessly of their time and talent in equipping all the saints for ministry.

Grace and Peace,
Jeanie Martinez

REPORT OF THE LAY ASSISTANT

Lisa Wakeley

A large portion of the Lay Assistant's duties are with the Newcomer ministry. It is a pleasure to meet and welcome Newcomers to the parish, and to help familiarize them with programs and ministries that may help them in their Christian formation and help them meet other parishioners.

In the calendar year 2009, St. Andrew's welcomed approximately 25 newcomers to the parish; slightly fewer than the previous year. Many of these are families with children, and many are actively involved in parish life at this time.

Another part of the role of the Lay Assistant is to co-ordinate volunteer scheduling. There is a large group of very dedicated volunteers who assist with bulletin assembly, with bulk mailing and special mailings, and offer other office assistance. The staff is appreciative of the time and the energy these volunteers provide.

An annual luncheon is held in their honor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wakeley, Lay Assistant

REPORT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN

Nancy Tillinghaust

2009 has been an exceptional year for St Andrew's, filled with the challenges and joys of growing pains --- from completing the nave, narthex and chapel renovation; to continued growth and development in our youth and adult Christian formation and education programs; to expansion of our outreach ministries at home and abroad; to a preschool enrolled to capacity; and finally to needed enhancements to our communications equipment and systems. Progress has been made on the refurbishment of a pipe organ scheduled to be installed in 2010, and we have secured funding for the purchase of the neighboring Graham property.

The building blocks for all this growth have come from all of you who answered the call to participate in our *Ministry For Tomorrow* program and campaign, raising over \$1.3 million. Furthermore, you've continued to support St Andrew's programs and ministries through thoughtful and dedicated stewardship. As we enter the season of Advent, we look forward with joyful anticipation to celebrating our first Christmas in the "new" Nave. We have much to be thankful for in the life of our parish!

2009 brought significant challenges as well. Our endowment suffered a decline due the economic downturn, though far less decline than many in the market, thanks to prudent investment management by the Trustees of the Funds. We had to replace an expensive HVAC unit (and in 2010 the Parish Hall unit will require major repair work). Our *MFT* fundraising program fell short of the \$2.1 million goal, peaking at \$1.5 million. This shortfall necessitated a thorough review of our financing options. A committee of individuals from the Vestry and professionals from the banking, real estate and legal communities was convened to address Graham property acquisition. The committee's work resulted in a favorable refinancing program which will be described in greater detail at the annual meeting in January. Most importantly, we have demonstrated the financial capacity to acquire the property as soon as the Grahams make it available, a direct result of a history of prudent management of our resources and your continuing commitment to growth in stewardship.

Despite ongoing dissension in the Episcopal Church, St Andrew's continues to thrive and expand. We engage in respectful and lively discussion of difficult issues, but we remain true to our mission and vision, choosing to focus on the Christian love that unites us as one people rather than on forces that might divide us. And we continue to pray for healing, a loving spirit and more common understanding among us all. This year we bade farewell to Reverend Lisa Goforth and Sabine Chinyvong and welcomed Reverend Jeanie Martinez as Assistant Rector and Traci Lovelace as Administrative Assistant. With Amy Dutton, John Morgan, Greg Singleton, Mark Velkoff and I completing our terms on Vestry, you have before you a wonderful new slate of candidates who have responded to God's call to serve. On behalf of the five of us ending our terms, I thank you for your unfailing support and fellowship.

When I was new to Vestry in 2006, I learned of the vision and long range plan that had been developed in 1999-2000. The *Ministry For Tomorrow* program has given new life to that vision:

- To develop an inclusive community
- Share Christian love
- Practice responsible stewardship
- Commit to strong Outreach

My prayer for St Andrew's is that God will continue to guide and inspire us to move forward, to live out our ministry in ways that support this vision. To do so will require continued growth in our stewardship gifts of time, talent and treasure. That we have done so much in a period marked by economic, political, religious and social turmoil is surely a sign that we are on the right path!

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Tillinghaust

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Amy Dutton

This was a busy year for St Andrew's building and grounds groups. We completed our renovations and had many issues to deal with as a result. We are now completely finished with that project and everything associated with it seems to be operational and running smoothly. The installation of the pipe organ has begun and will be completed in 2010!

Our new HVAC is up and running and working efficiently, however we are experiencing problems with the HVAC above the parish hall, and will be dealing with that in the new year. The vestry is looking at bids and working with contractors to determine the best course of action - refurbishing or replacing.

A huge amount of thanks go to the many volunteers from the church who help maintain our building and grounds. We have a wonderful team of mowers, headed up this year by Greg Singleton, who kept our grounds looking groomed. Thanks also, in that area, go to the volunteers who turned out to our spring and fall clean up days, and worked on our grounds as well as did some spring cleaning inside the building. The fall cleanup would not have been such a big success without the help of our local boy scout troop who provided us with MANY hands to rake leaves and prune bushes and tidy up the grounds. Thanks also goes to Frank Cannon for continuing to service not only our lawn mowers but also our snow blower. Without him our volunteers would be unable to do their work. Our Memorial Garden continues to be a beautiful source of comfort for so many. It is kept up lovingly by Shirley and John Dunham and we are grateful to them for this continued effort.

And making the job of the Junior Warden so much lighter are the services of our Sexton, Will Lambert. He continues to work to ensure that St Andrew's needs are met. We thank him for his dedication.

Yours in Christ,
Amy Dutton

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION

The Reverend Jeanie Martinez

Christian Formation Commission

Christian Formation Commission Programs are continuing to grow in both overall numbers of programs and in the number of people participating. No one is too young or too old to enjoy one of the many programs offered at St. Andrews. It is the Commission's hope that every person in the parish will be touched by at least one event that will help them grow in the faith this year. Thanks to the many volunteers, students, parents and other supporters of the Christian Formation programs. We are blessed.

Children and Youth Programs

St Andrew's Christian Education program provides the opportunity for children to learn, laugh, play, build friendships, and share in the love and fellowship of our faith and Church. St Andrew's is blessed with a large number of children and a large number of gifted teachers, child care professionals, teaching assistants, and Sunday School Superintendents to teach and care for our children.

- *Learning Center:* During the 10:00 Sunday morning Worship service volunteers staff classes for children from birth through first grade.
- *Kid's Liturgy:* Sunday Worship designed for children in 2nd - 6th grades.
- *Sunday School:* For *all* ages after the 10 am worship service during the Sunday Formation hour from 11:15-12:15.

Nursery – Birth – Preschool age

- Children are cared for in a safe environment by Liza Potter and many volunteers who make St. Andrew's Nursery a home away from home.
- Nursery is available year round on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 o'clock service *and* on through the regular Formation hour.
- Nursery is also available during many special services and events.

Learning Center

- The Learning Center uses the hands on Bible Curriculum to introduce children to the Bible. The curriculum features a Bible storybook, crafts, games and activities.
- This year we have Amy McCurdy, a paid staff member, leading the Creation class. Amy brings a consistent, loving presence to our preschoolers.
- Christie Dasher, and Debbie Williams coordinate teams of volunteers who teach the Noah's Ark (kindergarten) and Genesis (1st grade) classes.
- These classes each attend Children's Chapel during the 10:00 am Worship service.

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is a worship time designed for young children. It features songs, prayers and a story-sermon based on the *Godly Play* curriculum. This program is a fun, learning experience that prepares the children for Kid's Liturgy and eventually joining adults in regular church services. Thanks to Amy Dutton, Leslie Steffenson, and Tonja Romero introduce our young children to church in a wonderful way.

Sunday School

- *Preschool through Second Grades* use Hands on Bible Curriculum.
- *Third through Sixth Grades* use the Mustard Seed Curriculum.
- Both programs feature a Bible reading each week with activities and projects to reinforce the lesson.
- Children are also introduced to the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Sacraments, the Prayer book, and feasts, fasts and festivities that occur during the Church year.
- *Kindergarten through second grade classes* are taught by of volunteers coordinated by Christie Dasher, Debbie Williams, Mary Anne and Laura Haskins.
- Anne Margaret Ashley teaches the *third/fourth grade combined class*, assisted by parent volunteers.
- This year John Jascot has joined Sam and Claire Palmer in teaching the *fifth/sixth grade class*.

Journey to Adulthood

- 7th - 12th grades are guided by the Journey to Adulthood Program. Based on the premise that manhood and womanhood are gifts of God, but Adulthood must be earned, our young people are nurtured, encouraged and challenged to learn and grow into al that God has called them to be.
- The Program is divided into three parts:
 - *Rite 13* is for Seventh and Eighth Graders
 - *Journey to Adulthood* is for Ninth and Tenth Graders
 - *Young Adults in Church* for Eleventh and Twelfth Graders.
- Classes meet every Sunday during the Formation hour and on six Sunday evenings throughout the year.
- Themes for Sunday evening programs this year have included a hands-on prayer labyrinth for Lent, a visit to the National Cathedral, and a tour of the Franciscan Monastery and its life-size models of Holy Land sites.
- Young people on their Journey to Adulthood are supported and guided by a great group of mentors and resource team members. Thanks to Pat Brown, Carol Robinson, San Cannon, Eileen Hart, Steve Frazier, Ted Franks, Sarah Belisle, Don and Marlene Taggart, Kim Franks and Patti Stevens for their tireless devotion to the teenagers of St. Andrew's.

Pilgrimage

The Journey to Adulthood program encourages teens to go on a pilgrimage at the end of their tenth grade year. Pilgrimage is neither a vacation, nor a sightseeing tour, nor a mission trip. Pilgrimage is all of that and more – it is a time set aside to journey in the footsteps of faithful Christians who have gone before. By mindfully walking in their footsteps, teenagers are put in touch with our tradition, our roots, our God.

This year a number of our young people are preparing to go on St. Andrew's first Pilgrimage. They will journey to to Richmond, Virginia where they will explore the African American experience along the Richmond Slave Trail, focusing on the spirituality that gave people hope and a will to persevere through hardship and enslavement. They will contemplate how God is present to each of us, and how God equips us to make it through our own hard times.

Superintendents

Every Sunday of the year there is a Sunday School Superintendant taking care of the multitude of coordination tasks that make children's formation programs possible. The "Supers" make sure rooms are open, supplies are on hand, snacks are available, equipment is in place and everything is ready to go. They sometimes assist in the classroom, substitute teach, perform first aid, fix VCRs/DVD Machines and find parents when kids need a hug. They do it all, every week and we appreciate the work they do. Thanks to the Vanessa Parks, Tom Horan, Kirk Steffensen, Paul Hardin, Karen Steele and Frank Cannon.

The Volunteers

We can't say enough about our Sunday School Superintendants, Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Staff Members who work hard to make every Sunday School class and special event meaningful and fun. Many thanks to our Christian Formation volunteers. They do all the work that make Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Children's Liturgy, Godly Play, Work Camps, Retreats, Pancake Suppers, Car Washes, Lenten Suppers, Learning Centers, Nursery and Toddler Programs, Pilgrimages, Pageants, St. Nicholas's Day Celebrations, Fellowship Groups and a host of other activities a reality. Thank you for the gifts that you share week after week in the service of Christ's Church.

Special Events

The Christian Formation Commission sponsored or assisted with a number of Special Events:

- The Children's Pentecost Party, Easter Egg Hunt and Party, Epiphany Celebration (yes the Three Kings were on hand), Saint Nicholas' Celebration (*with* St Nick!)
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Lenten Soup Suppers,
- Palm Sunday Children's parade around the parking lot
- Annual Christmas Pageant
- Sunday School Teachers Reception
- Special Thanks to Lisa Wakely who coordinates and leads a number of these events.

Vacation Bible School

For one exciting week young children came together to sing, do arts and crafts, put on plays, share snacks and learn how to serve God by serving the people around them.

- VBS took place the week of July 13th -17th.
- Again this year the theme was "God's Big Back Yard."
- An average of 75 children attended the program, supported by 35 volunteers led by Vanessa Parks and Anne Margaret Ashley.
- An offering of "walking food" was collected for the St. Andrew's Food Pantry and for ECHO.
- A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who create this special week.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

The Reverend Jeanie Martinez

Senior Youth Work Camp

For 11 years our teenagers have been sent by St. Andrew's to do Christ's work in the world. They could not do this important work without both their parents and the congregation supporting them spiritually with prayers and care cards, and financially through Christmas Wreath Sales, Pancakes Suppers, Lenten Suppers, Car Washes and Vestry sponsorship.

- The group traveled to Elmira, New York for a "Challenge Camp."
- The work included larger construction projects such as roofing and deck building, home repair, and both interior and exterior painting.
- Thanks go out to all the participants this year: *Melissa Fike, Carolyn Gironde, Emily Morgan, Andrew Palmer, Devin Shiple, Paul Belisle, Duncan Cannon, Ali Froede, Jacci Mula, Kate Rozelsky, Lisa Williams, Shelby Locke, Alison Palmer, Brian Umberger, Olivia Belisle, Gillian Cannon, Lauren Thomas, Alex Froede, Tom Longin, Jeanie Martinez, Gary Shiple, Chuck Sleeper, and Nancy Tillinghast.*
- Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who put in hundreds of hours organizing, training, and preparing our teenagers for this ministry.
- Next summer's mission trip will be to Montgomery, West Virginia.

Junior Youth Work Camp

This year we are planning to engage our younger teens in Outreach Mission so they can experience the joy of giving and working to help others in the community. Rising Seventh and Eighth Graders have the opportunity to go on a mission trip this summer to help needy families in Manassas, Virginia.

Fellowship Group

The Fifth and Sixth Grade Fellowship Group continues to be active. The group meets about once a month dedicate an afternoon to fellowship and fun as they build relationships with their church family.

- The group is led by Elaine Runkel and Steve Frazier. They are assisted by parents who help chaperone for the various events.
- Among the goals for this group is learning that laughing and playing together are very important to spiritual well-being.
- So far this year the group has gone on many fun outings including laser tag, swimming, bowling, and putt-putt golf.
- The group also had a cookout and made cookies for the homeless and sponsored the Pentecost, Saint Nicholas and Epiphany celebrations.
- They also spearheaded St. Andrew's efforts in the 2009 CROP WALK.

Boy and Cub Scouts Troops

St. Andrew's is the Chartered Organization for two scouting units: Boy Scout Troop 1849 and Cub Scout Pack 684.

- **Boy Scouts Troop 1849** has had another active year of fun and service.
 - They spent a lot of nights under the stars camping and hiking while learning the skills necessary to survive in the wilderness.

- They also learned life skills and built friendships that will last a lifetime.
- Troop 1849 again helped St. Andrew's with delivering Thanksgiving Dinners for needy families.
- They participated in the *Scouting for Food* project for needy families.
- Troop 1849 also helped St Andrew's with the annual fall clean up with needed extra muscle and that good old Boy Scout enthusiasm.
- **Cub Scout Pack 684** also had an active year.
 - The Cub Scout year was highlighted by the Pinewood Derby, the Blue and Gold Banquet, and an untold number of outings and projects, including collecting food for the needy.
 - A good number of Cub Scout Pack 684 crossed over the bridge to Boy Scouts and earned their Arrow of Light Award.

ADULT FORMATION OFFERINGS

The Reverend Jeanie Martinez

Sunday Adult Forums

Adult Formation does not end with confirmation. Sunday Adult Forums are held right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service, in the Multipurpose Room in the spring of 2008 and in the Parish Hall in the fall of 2008 as our renovation work continues through the end of the year. These forums provide a wide range of offerings, ranging from current events, spiritual practices, theology, biblical studies and literature and active missions. Topics for the forums are structured to include subjects of interest to everyone.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

This study group provides a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth with its combination of instruction, group discussion, and multi-media. 2009 has been our year in the Old Testament. Our journey began with the PBS production of *Walking The Bible* followed by a study of Genesis. The current offering is the Exodus story and Moses as seen through the eyes of several Hollywood filmmakers. Every Wednesday this group meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

This group of ten normally meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from September through May from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Doris James. This group works with various topics ranging from biblical studies to books and movies.

Special Offerings

This spring and fall, we have had several guest speakers who led different forums on mission, theology and practical application of faith. During the spring, our own Fred Kalema led a session on mission through his work with Five Talents. Our own Donna Osthau and Alice Roerig provided us with a stellar Easter program. The Rev. Lauren Stanley, Missionary to the Sudan, led a program on Millennium Development Goals. During the fall, The Rev. Richard Kunz from El Hogar Youth Ministries in Honduras provided a witness to ministering to youth in Honduras. Rounding out our Adult Forum Calendar year was Tim Carrington from the Friends of St. Benedict and Dr. Suzanne Schmidt from Faith at Work, who spoke with us regarding integrating our faith into all aspects of our lives. These programs have been well received and we expect to continue special offerings for Adult Formation throughout next year.

PRESCHOOL REPORT

Heather Maupin

St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool continued to offer a high quality, developmentally appropriate program for preschoolers ages 2 ½ - five years in 2008-2009. Heather Hunt Maupin, the director and a staff of five Lead Teachers and five Assistant Teachers, led the school year. Karen Capets was hired to assist Liza Potter in our 5-day Pre-K classroom. Mrs. Capets, who was working as a 2-day assistant teacher in our 3 year old class, is a Special Education teacher and has done a wonderful job in her role as an Assistant in our program. To replace Mrs. Capets, Laura Ferrell was hired to assist Jeanne Jones. Mrs. Ferrell also has an education background and a wonderful relationship with the families and children of our school. Our staff continues to be one of our program's many strengths – our turnover remains very low and teachers and parents consistently express their satisfaction with that fact.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool maintains our standing as an inclusive environment and we have several children with special needs enrolled in our preschool. We have worked closely with Child Find, Fairfax County's early intervention program, to provide support and resources for children with special needs. Our flexibility and commitment to all children has earned St. Andrew's an excellent reputation in the community. Enrollment for the 2008– 2009 school year was at capacity, with wait lists existing in the majority of our classrooms. All eligible students re-registered for our preschool program.

Our staff continued their commitment to providing the most developmentally appropriate environment for young children. The teachers all participated in a variety of training opportunities through Fairfax County's Office for Children and NVAEYC. All staff participated in a SMART goals training exercise and identified areas in which to improve, including classroom documentation and parent feedback. The preschool was the recipient of several laptop computers that the teachers have utilized to aid in documentation in their classrooms.

Our goals continue to revolve around providing the best care for young children. We will work to increase parental involvement in our program through family activities and programs, develop additional parenting workshops and support resources for the families we serve in conjunction with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, further enhance our physical surroundings by replacing worn materials and furnishings, remain abreast of the most current findings in early childhood education, and maintain our dedication to developmentally appropriate educational practices.

MEMBERSHIP AND VISITATION COMMISSION

The Membership and Visitation Commission of the Vestry encompasses a number of pastoral and small group ministries. Some of these programs focus on providing a warm welcome to newcomers, some focus on providing care to parishioners; many are programs that exist to provide parishioners with further fellowship time together, some groups provide a service to others.

Parish Visitation Program

Lisa Wakeley

This parish program provides a welcome and information for newcomers. When the guestbook is signed, or when a pew card is turned in, a member of the parish visitation team takes an information packet and a loaf of bread to the address. The parish member may chat briefly with the newcomer; or leave the packet on the doorknob if no one is home. Within a few days, a staff member contacts the family to further welcome them, and to discuss any questions they might have.

Members of the parish visitation team serve about once every 2 months, and need only to have a friendly spirit and a willingness to find new addresses!

Sunday Greeters

Darren Williams

During 2009, the Greeter Team has remained fairly constant in numbers, and constant in mission. The Sunday Greeters provide a cheerful welcome to worshipers, keeping a keen eye for visitors and newcomers. Every Sunday, several members of the St. Andrew's Greeter Program actively participate in greeting and welcoming the regular members and newcomers to our parish. The greeters welcome all, but focus their attention on the newcomers with a warm smile, a pleasant, friendly manner, and the occasional church tour. Going into 2010, we have 30 Greeters rotating on a monthly/bi-monthly basis, and a few subs/reserves, but could always use more. If you are interested in joining this valuable ministry, please contact Darren Williams, hawkprod@verizon.net.

Support Committee

Jane Knight

The St. Andrew's Support Committee is always "on call" to lend a helping hand to parishioners in need. Members of the Support Committee prepare meals, drive people to medical appointments, assist with child care when a parent is ill or hospitalized, and offer condolences and help to the bereaved.

In 2009 we welcomed several additional volunteers to the "Casserole Project" whereby, on a rotating basis, committee members prepare and label meals to be kept on hand in the church freezer. This has enabled us to respond in a much more timely fashion to parish families when someone is ill or recovering from surgery.

A number of parish families received meals, transportation, and new-baby welcomes from the Support Committee during 2009. Please consider becoming part of this vital ministry. You don't have to do everything – some members prepare casseroles, while others offer transportation or child care. If you would like to help fellow members of St. Andrew's, please contact Jane Knight or Lisa Wakeley for more information.

Tuesday Morning Needlework and Fellowship

Martha Turner

This small group is one of the longest running small groups at St. Andrew's. The current group evolved from the needleworkers and crafters who worked all year long to create beautiful handcrafted items for the annual Christmas Bazaar. As time went on the group refocused their attention to the creation of the needlepoint kneelers and chairs for the nave and chapel. When the

needlepoint projects were finished the group became interested in the creation of “caring quilts” for our chronically ill and homebound and quilts for the new babies in the parish. We have been making a lot of baby quilts! All these quilts carry a message of St. Andrew’s care and affection for the recipient. Working on quilts or working on our individual projects we have a great time sharing the journey...or the book, or the movie, or a great place for lunch. Come join the fun!

Daytimers

Don Taggart

The Daytimers had a very active year in 2009, with monthly outings to nearby places of interest. Ten to fifteen people attended most outings. The recent trips included the Marshall mansion in Leesburg, Hillwood, the Marine Corps museum and the museum at the Naval Academy.. The annual White Elephant lunch at St. Andrews was a roaring success with good food, fun people and many exciting gifts. All are welcome, not just those who are home during the day. If a Daytimers’ outing appeals to you and you can take leave from work to attend, please join us!

Women’s Fellowship

Tonja Romero

The Women's Fellowship is alive and well at St. Andrew's! We have a committee of three individuals that plan activities to sponsor fellowship among the women of the church. We've been very active the past year holding at least one activity per month. Some of our events included fun and games with Game Night (on our own and with the MEN's Fellowship), Concert on the Lawn at Wolf Trap, dinner at Austin Grill and Milano's! We also had a tour of the National Gallery and enjoyed going to the movies together. We sponsored events to help others or the church like our Mother's Day Food Drive for the Samaritan's ministry, helping with Grandma's Attic at the Christmas Bazaar and the gently used clothing/jewelry booth at the Mayfair. We are always looking for and appreciate new ideas. As always, we love seeing new faces!!

Book Discussion Group

Sue Colvig

During this past year, St. Andrew’s Book Group has met to discuss books on eleven occasions. The group did not meet in August due to vacation schedules. This year the group read such books as THE OTHER QUEEN, LOVING FRANK, THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN and A PRAYER FOR OWEN MEANY. The group decides which books to read and discuss. Recommendations come from family and/or friends, current best sellers, or a book someone has always wanted to read. We try to pick books several months in advance in an effort to give new members an opportunity to read the books.

The book group meets Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. To make the meetings cozier, we meet in each other’s homes. Members volunteer to host a meeting at their home and usually serve coffee, tea and dessert. This atmosphere allows for great discussions and provides an opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better.

This year the book group was once again involved with the May Fair and the Christmas Bazaar. We collected the books, sorted the books and also helped with the book sale for both events.

St. Andrew’s Softball Team

John Jaskot

Do you believe in miracles?! Yes!" Now you may think that phraseology came from the broadcast of the USA Hockey Team victory in the 1980 Olympics over the USSR. And you'd be correct. However! It was used again this year when the St. Andrew's Coed Softball Team grabbed the 1st Place Trophy for its participation in the Fairfax Country Church Softball League. In its seventh (!) season in the League, the St.A's team ably demonstrated its physical, emotional, and spiritual prowess both on and off the playing field....and took home a 1st place finish as proof of such prowess. But don't let that fool you...and any team member would tell you that! In reality, it isn't about the game -- it's about a group of very different and eclectic individuals that came together as Episcopal comrades in every sense of the word. The team and its

"fan club" have experienced great support for and fellowship with each other, and have formed strong and supportive friendships within the St.A's community. So check it out. The St. Andrew's team participates in the FCCSL "Coed Division" and is open to men and women from age 16-to-65+ (!). The season runs from early April through mid-July, and St. Andrew's will most definitely field a team for the 2010 season. Contact the Church office if you are interested in being a part of this great group of St. Andrew's parishioners.

Men's Fellowship

Bob Edmonds

All the men of the church make up the St Andrew's Men's Fellowship Group. The goal of this organization is to provide a forum for fellowship and fun between Christian men. Periodic get-togethers range the spectrum of activities from steak cookouts to movies to dinners at local restaurants to GMU basketball games with our youth. One of our more memorable events this past year was helping a parish family with some much-needed outdoor work. "Come when you can, come as you are" for these fun and relaxed outings. To get on the email distribution list and/or to find out more about this Men's Fellowship, please contact Bob Edmonds at bob.edmonds@verizon.net or 202.243.8065.

Families with Young Children

Karan Wright

The Families with Young Children ministry welcomes all of St. Andrew's families to join together for fun. Parents and their children socialize and develop long-lasting friendships. Each year, families can go to the springtime Easter Egg Hunt, the Summer Parish Picnic, the Fall Pumpkin Patch outing, and Christmas' St. Nicholas Party. Every year at the St. Nicholas Party, parishioners and their children donate a large container full of gently used and brand new toys for those less fortunate. Thank you all for your donations! And this year, we also donated coins to the Diocese of Jerusalem by tossing the coins into wooden shoes, a German Christmas tradition to honor St. Nicholas. In addition to those seasonal events, this ministry hosts other regular family functions. Parents Night Out is held quarterly on Friday evenings so that parents can have some free time while their children eat dinner at the church and enjoy a special event. Those events include puppet shows, magicians, music, and craft activities. Family style movie nights are held at the church's Parish Hall or Multi-purpose room. Children bring their comfy pajamas and sleeping bags and nibble on popcorn while they watch a movie. This ministry organizes Foyer Dinner Groups that include the children, so the parents may enjoy each others' company while the children eat and play together. For more information or to share your fun ideas, please contact Karan Wright at (703)451-3756 or e-mail her at karan_wright@hotmail.com.

Preschool Playgroup

Erika Malos-Keil

St. Andrew's Playgroup had a pretty good year. We welcomed several new members in the early part of the year and graduated several more members at the beginning of the school year. The summer was full of returning graduates coming to play with old friends. We continue to meet at participants' homes for fun and fellowship to all. It has been a constant struggle to find new members lately, which has me concerned for the future of the group.

Prayer Guild

Deborah England

The members of the St. Andrew's Prayer Guild continue to explore ways to better support parishioners, clergy and staff, and St. Andrew's ministries through intercessory prayer. The Prayer Request Cards, available next to the prayer box in the temporary Narthex, as well as on the Web site, have aided this work. Use of email allows members to receive timely updates on the results of these prayer efforts. We are not a glum lot. Prayers of thanksgiving are heard as frequently as petitions. This is a growing ministry with 16 members as of our October quarterly meeting. We see God at work every day as we pray for our church, the world, and especially the members of this congregation, and we

delight in the connection this gives us with those for whom we pray! Please check out our new brochure in the entry rack and consider joining us.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Worship Commission

Kim Black

It has been an exciting year for worship at St. Andrew's! The highlight of 2009 had to be in March, as we moved back into our beautifully renovated Nave. Our wonderful worship commission members displayed, once again, flexibility, creativity and dedication to their ministries as they adjusted to new spaces and procedures. We thank the congregation for their patience! We are currently in the process of acquiring new chairs for the chapel and loft, as well as re-blocking the needlepoint altar kneelers. We hope to complete these projects early in 2010. Work has finally begun on the installation of our pipe organ. We anticipate enjoying its beautiful music by Easter!

Acolyte Program

Melinda Morgan

This past year, our 24 Acolytes participated in over 200 services involving our congregation and community. Thanks to the very talented and dedicated acolytes (and their parents!), the program is doing well. Making the transition from the Parish Hall to the Nave was an easy adjustment and many of the more seasoned acolytes were able to help out many of the newer acolytes, who had not yet participated in services in the Nave. We have also been able to add three new acolytes this year, Stephen Chesterman, Mark Jaskot and Marshall Wittington. They have all been great additions and we look forward to their thoughts and ideas!

This is a very important ministry for our youth, as it gives them an opportunity to give back to the church, while serving a vital role. Our Senior Acolyte, Melissa Fike took over this fall as Emily Morgan began her college life. Melissa has assisted with much of the training this year, four sessions and one-on-one sessions, as well as assisting with the actual scheduling of the acolytes each month! We really appreciate all that they do to help with this important ministry!

Flower Guild *Carol MacLean*

The Flower Guild arranges flowers for the Sunday altar, weddings and funerals, as well as decorating the church for Christmas and Easter. It is important to note that flower fund donations by the congregation are the only source of funding for altar flowers. We hold an annual workshop in December. The guild currently consists of 12 members, and we are always looking for new members. Come join us!

Altar Guild

Marlene Taggart

The Altar Guild is very happy to have returned to the BIG sacristy after the time using the kitchen and small sacristy in the Parish Hall.

The Altar Guild has 38 members divided into 4 teams named for the liturgical colors red, green blue and white. The new members are learning the routine very quickly

There have been several changes to the set up and clean up however all members are flexible and eager to set the Lord's table each week.

Lectors, Lay Readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Doug Connell / Art Prentiss

The ministries of Lectors, Lay Readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers are distinct ministries open to adult communicants. Consistent with Canons of the Episcopal Church, Lectors are appointed by the Rector and trained to read the lessons at regular services of worship. Lay Readers are specially trained and licensed to conduct worship services, generally the Daily Office, as authorized by the Book of Common Prayer. At St. Andrew's, Lay Readers officiate at the services of Evening Prayer on Saturday evenings.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are licensed separately to perform two functions. The first is to assist in administering the sacraments at Holy Eucharist; the other is to take Communion from regular services of Holy Eucharist to those unable to attend because of sickness or incapacity. During 2009 these ministries were performed at regular services of Holy Eucharist, at Morning and Evening Prayer, at Compline, in at-home and hospital visitation, and at services of Holy Matrimony and Christian Burial.

The parish training program recruited eight members for initial training, and five for licensing in new categories of service beginning in early 2010. Refresher training for all was conducted in November. Two seminarians also provided support to the Lector and LEM ministries during the year. At the present time, 30 members and one field service seminarian serve full-time in these ministries. The next cycle of training is planned for late spring of 2010.

Current Ministers include the following:

Jeb Baker	John Morgan
Kim Black	Julie Morgan
Peggy Brennan	Carol Morris
Woody Browne	Art Prentiss
Gail Bouton	Connie Pettit (retired Nov 2009)
Duncan Cannon	Carol Robinson
San Cannon	Alice Roerig
Doug Connell	Greg Sawyer
Amy Dutton	Patty Stevens
Bob Edmonds	Scottie Prior
Deborah England	Rich Richardson
Eileen Hart	Mary Robertson
Rick Hillenbrand	Patty Stevens
Dale Hruby	Don Taggart
Susan McNeice	Darren Williams
Fred Kalema-Musoke	

Seminarians: (serving as Lectors and LEMs)

Greg Morris

Clarise Schroeder (ordained June 2009)

**Also licensed to carry the sacraments to the sick and shut-in.*

Kids Liturgy

Pam Rozelsky

Kids' Liturgy is an age-appropriate introduction to the Liturgy complete with an opening prayer, Old Testament lesson and responsive Psalm, Gospel lesson, and prayers. The children do all the readings and prayers allowing full participation. Kids' Liturgy is for second through sixth graders and is held during the first half of the 10 AM service. The offering has seen a growth in attendance this year with more than 20 participants on most Sundays. Darrell Potter, Valerie Chrosniak, Woody Browne, and Pam Rozelsky rotated as adult leaders this year.

Ushers

Paul Foley

The Usher Ministry at St. Andrew's is organized in two teams. Currently, twenty-four members support the 10:00 a.m. Sunday services and seven members support the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service. The entire Usher Ministry also supports various special services on a volunteer basis when required. This year has seen our return to a wonderfully renovated Nave involving some new procedures but a major step toward achieving the Ministry for Tomorrow Vision. Ushers assist in worship by welcoming and helping to seat the congregation, distributing the Service Bulletin, Sunday Net, inserts and special announcements, collecting the offering and assisting in managing the altar area for the Holy Eucharist Service. Ushers also provide assistance to members of the congregation should the need arise and monitor the safety and security of the church during worship. If you would like to usher in the Ministry for Tomorrow first hand and feel the urge to walk backward from time to time, we are always seeking new members. Our roster generally follows a six week rotation scheduling. Ushering is an important and rewarding ministry in St. Andrew's Parish Life, please contact the church office or Paul Foley at 703-690-1346 or at pjfoley@cox.net to join either of our Usher Ministry Teams.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir

Jay Wilcox

Since January 1, 2000, the Adult Choir has sung, on average, 44 services each year, and has sung over 330 different anthems. At the rate of 44 anthems per year, that is roughly equivalent to a repertoire of *7 1/2 years of anthems without repeating*. That is a very large repertoire for a church choir, and it is a testimony to their dedication, their commitment, and their love of what they do that they have sung so many anthems at such a consistently high level of quality.

This last year has been a time of waiting. First, we waited to return to the acoustically enhanced nave, which seems to have inspired the choir to ever greater efforts—and to achieve ever greater results. Now we wait for the completion of our new organ, which we believe will inspire the congregation's singing and bring new vitality (and, we hope, new members) to our music ministry.

And speaking of new members, the Adult Choir gained three new members this year who graduated from the ranks of our very own Youth Choir, bringing the total number of former Youth Choir members in the Adult Choir to four, and increasing the choir's membership to 29, the first gain in several years. Nevertheless, the Adult Choir would certainly love to have, and would heartily welcome, new members with whom to share the fun! Please, *please* consider adding your musical talents to ours—we can assure you that, like the five loaves and two fishes, the whole can be far greater than the sum of its parts when committed to enhancing and beautifying our worship. The

Adult Choir is a strong community of people who not only share a bond of music but also one of love for each other, which they show by supporting and caring for one another. By the time you read this, I will have completed 10 years of shared ministry with the St. Andrew's Adult Choir, for which I am truly grateful. As a token of my gratitude, the Adult Choir will, on January 31, 2010, premiere a new anthem that I have written for, and dedicated to, them.

The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:45 p.m. and sings weekly at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays from September through mid-June. Please join us!

Youth Choir

Jay Wilcox

The Youth Choir is in a rebuilding year after losing a number of long-term, valuable members. This means that our "new" oldest members get to step up and take on a leadership role in the choir, which they are doing with enthusiasm. They continue to sing regularly in our services, and never fail to bring delight and wonder to our worship.

Youth Choir rehearsals, though brief, try not just to teach songs, but singing techniques, ear training, music theory—and, most importantly, the tenets of our faith. I hope that attentive singers will not only know what they are singing, but *why* they are singing it. And I hope that each of them will develop a life-long love of music and singing.

Currently, the Youth Choir has 16 members. This is down from our ten-year high of 25 during the past academic year, and we would be delighted to have additional singers join us. The Youth Choir is open to singers from the first through the eighth grades (unchanged voices) and meets on Sundays for 30 minutes beginning at 12:15 p.m., immediately following Sunday School. Please seriously consider investing this brief period of time in your child's spiritual and musical development. It will be time well-spent.

Netcasters

Ether Smith

The Netcasters grew in sound, style, and numbers during the year. They continue to provide full music support with ten pieces of music for the Saturday night Contemporary Worship Services, which are on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month - September through the 1st Saturday of June. They continue their traditional music support at annual Shrine Mont retreat. This year there were several "theme" services (Gospel, Revival, and Kids Liturgy/Vacation Bible School). Additionally, since Shrinemont Sunday was also "All Saints Day," "When the Saints Go Marching In" was the theme song for the retreat.

The group has grown to 25 members: 10 instrumentalists, 15 vocalists, and the director, Ether Smith. Five of the members are youthful musicians in grades 5 through 12. Four families bring ten members to the group - the Netcasters are very family friendly.

When necessary Ether plays the piano and flutist Cheryl Garcia, or vocalist Cathy Robertello or Elizabeth Garcia directs. Ether also arranges music to meet the requirements of the group. Equipment additions planned for 2010 include a replacement mixer.

FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION

Mark Velkoff

The Fellowship Commission is responsible for providing opportunities for parishioners to get together for fellowship and fun. Several large Fellowship events are also held throughout the year. Examples of 2009 Fellowship events that have contributed to building on the strong sense of community that we enjoy at St. Andrew's include: support to the Lenten soup supper series, the May Reunion weekend dinner, the Mother's Day Tea, the annual June Parish Picnic at Occoquan Regional Park, and St. Andrew's night at the Potomac Nationals in July.

Most of the events are designed for families with children. For those that are intended for adults only - such as the annual Fall Oktoberfest - free childcare is provided at the church in order to be as 'family friendly' as possible for our many parish families with children.

The generous contributions of time and talent from across our parish family enable these events to take place. Thanks to all of you who helped out in many ways!

OUTREACH COMMISSION

St. Andrew's Outreach program provides numerous opportunities for charitable giving and charitable works. Whether helping needy and at-risk neighbors in our local community or reaching out to the farthest corners of the globe to alleviate poverty and enhance the lives of our fellow human beings, our parish has a long history of sharing and caring for others. In 2009, financial support for ministries in Honduras, Tanzania, Israel and China was added to our international outreach program; closer to home, we furnished an apartment for a once-homeless family in Washington, DC. As a direct result of our support this past year, hungry people were fed, the homeless were provided shelter, the chronically unemployed were counseled in ways to improve their work and life skills, needy children received school supplies, and adults were taught English to help them better communicate and function in our society. This was a year filled with good works and an outpouring of generosity from our parishioners. The missions and activities of the various Outreach Committees are highlighted in the articles that follow.

Carpenter's Kids

Leslie Steffensen

Through the Diocese of Virginia, St. Andrew's added a new international ministry to its 2009 Outreach program with Carpenter's Kids of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika in Tanzania. In this parish-to-parish partnership, St. Andrew's provided support to a group of children chosen by the parish of Chlolo as the neediest in their community. Many of these children are AIDs orphans. Each of these children, supported at \$80 each, received a new school uniform, shoes, school supplies, backpack, breakfast and lunch at school, two mosquito nets, a year's supply of laundry soap, and access to medical care.

Leslie Steffensen attended the presentation in Tanzania this past June. Leslie handed each of the children their uniforms and nets, greeting each one by name on behalf of St. Andrew's. She will visit Chlolo again in June 2010.

Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO)

Sandy Gumbert

ECHO operates with an all-volunteer staff to help folks in Burke and Springfield who are struggling in long-term poverty, or who have an overwhelming emergency that they cannot handle alone. Supported by 27 religious congregations, various community organizations and individuals, ECHO is committed to making our neighbors' hardships more manageable by providing financial help with household bills, emergency food when cupboards are bare and clothing for those who need it.

St. Andrew's is a strong supporter of this vital outreach ministry, and our members contribute in a variety of ways. During the last twelve months, we collected 327 bags of clothing and household items; 20 bags of school supplies; and 140 bags of food, of which 94 bags were designated for our annual food drive supporting ECHO. Thanksgiving Baskets were delivered to ten needy families as part of our holiday ministry to ECHO's clients. St. Andrew's Preschool children held their own special Christmas "stocking stuffer" collection for ECHO's Holiday Shop. In addition, several Parish members generously share their time and talents on an on-going basis by volunteering at the ECHO facility – 650 volunteer hours were logged in this past year!

With the downturn in the economy in 2009, ECHO experienced a significant increase in the number of people seeking assistance. Our ministry to this organization helped ensure those needs were met.

El Hogar

John Morgan

El Hogar Ministries, Inc. assists in the improvement of social and educational conditions in Honduras, principally by supporting El Hogar Projects. El Hogar Ministries, Inc. raises funds and maintains an office for coordination and communication with North American sponsors, contributors and outreach groups which form a sacred community of service and are the backbone of financial support for the 200 children at the three schools and homes of El Hogar Projects.

The Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) office of the Episcopal Church USA has just granted El Hogar significant support to launch a new community development initiative through El Hogar's Agricultural School and Farm. This multi-year grant from ERD is a partnership that demonstrates the way both El Hogar and ERD are directly supporting the United Nations Millennium Development Goal to eliminate extreme poverty by 2015.

St. Andrew's is planning a one week, short-term mission trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras in April 2010. This will be an opportunity to be part of a small, focused group of people who share an interest in learning and in serving others. It is an opportunity to see a part of the world that is vastly different from our own. It is an opportunity to live with, and to get to know, young children whose lives are being transformed and to experience an inkling of their sorrows and their joys. The work team will spend significant time participating in activities that are not all work.

English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL)

Pat Conrad

Twenty students registered for ESOL classes in 2009. Held on Tuesday mornings, these classes were led by eight volunteer teachers, five of whom are members of St. Andrew's. Our student population is a diverse one, coming from around the globe. The church has purchased text books that remain in the building. In addition, workbooks were purchased with a small contribution from each student. These books become the student's property. ESOL classes not only teach English vocabulary and grammar, but also accent reduction and American culture. The program continues to grow as we help to fulfill an increasing need in our community.

Fairfax Area Christian Emergency Transitional Services (FACETS)

Pam Hauge / Marlies Durso

The FACETS Hot Meals program is supported by approximately 65 volunteers who shop, prepare and deliver meals two Saturdays each month to homeless persons in the Fairfax area. The four cooking teams are set up by Lisa Wakeley, who provides many hours of assistance in scheduling and follow-up.

The following statistics represent 2009 (estimates from final quarter included):

Number of volunteers:	65
Number of meals prepared:	2,620
Number of hours worked:	592
Number of serving dates:	24

Five Talents

Fred Kalema-Musoke

Five Talents is committed to its mission of fighting poverty, creating jobs and transforming lives by empowering the poor in developing countries using innovative savings and micro-credit programs, business training and spiritual development. Currently, Five Talents is working in 12 developing countries and has over 25,000 clients, with cumulative beneficiaries exceeding 220,000. However, with nearly 3 billion people in the world living on less than \$2 a day and where poverty threatens to destroy generations of families, Five Talent's results have yet to make a dent.

In 2009, this organization mobilized over US\$1.5 million and held a loan portfolio outstanding of over \$1.6 million, including savings and credit programs. It is developing new Christian partnerships, including Mothers Union, in efforts to expand its programs and financial services to the poor. Five Talents works to promote the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and to bring peace and hope to the world where strife is rampant. Through its programs and financial services, it also works to strengthen the Anglican Communion by promoting holistic development and providing witness to the Gospel of Christ. Five Talents celebrated its tenth year of operation in 2009.

Habitat for Humanity

John Morgan

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia builds more than houses...it transforms lives. As an organization, the goal is to eliminate poverty and homelessness by building adequate and basic housing.

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia builds houses in partnership with individuals, corporations, civic organizations, associations, and faith-based groups from throughout the community. Funds may be designated for full or partial house sponsorships, land acquisition, or general operating support.

Homeownership will soon reach 65 families who would not have been able to do it on their own. Construction on Maple Ridge, a nine-unit condominium in Fairfax, is nearing completion. In 2010, the next project will involve a 12 condominium conversion at Perry Hall in Arlington, VA.

Holy Land Committee

Paul Umberger

Most of our Holy Land outreach is provided through the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). The AFEDJ helps to sustain an Episcopal presence in the Holy Land that affirms Christ's message of love and reconciliation for all through the schools, hospitals and churches in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Jerusalem. Through the donation of medical equipment, school supplies and money, AFEDJ support allows the presence of a small but vital Episcopal community to be felt in the heart of this troubled region of the world. The Diocese consists of approximately 7,000 members served by a bishop and 30 priests. Its schools provide an excellent education to more than 6,500 students. Its hospitals and clinics serve the health care needs of more than 250,000 people, concentrated in Gaza and the West Bank.

We have continued our financial support for the Arab Evangelical Episcopal School in Ramallah, Israel, for scholarships. The school is co-educational and provides kindergarten through high school education for live-in orphans and local students of any faith or nationality from Ramallah and the surrounding villages. The school is under continuous pressure to provide scholarships or tuition aid to the families that are unable to afford the fees. In spite of the political, economic, and social unrest in the area, the staff is able to continue their educational ministry in Ramallah. As a Christian private school, it is perceived as one of the best schools in the area.

This year we have initiated support for The Friends of Open House, an organization working with young people to foster better relations among Israeli Arabs and Jews. Open House accomplishes this by sponsoring summer camps for groups of mixed faiths and nationalities.

Our plans for 2010 include a trip to the Holy Land and possible support for seniors living in the area.

Hypothermia Prevention Response Program

Elaine Runkel

The Hypothermia Prevention Response Program is run jointly by FACETS, the Fairfax County government and local faith communities. The program began in the winter of 2005-2006 with the goal of preventing hypothermia deaths in the homeless population (currently numbering about 2,000 individuals) in Fairfax County. The faith communities house a portion of the homeless population each evening and overnight during the late fall and winter. This past winter of 2008-2009, many St. Andrew's parishioners volunteered in various ways to provide meals and a warm welcome to the homeless guests at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Springfield, contributing approximately 145 volunteer hours to this ministry. Our plan for the current program season, which runs from November 22, 2009 to March 15, 2010, is to again provide assistance to a host parish with the goal of being a host venue in the future.

While the Hypothermia Prevention Response Program is necessary due to the lack of affordable housing, it is not the answer to the problem. Fairfax County, along with service organizations and faith communities, must continue to work to end homelessness. The current goal is that every person in the community will have access to and maintain decent, safe and affordable housing by 2016.

Samaritan Ministry

Carol MacLean

St. Andrew's takes pride in being one of the founding partners of Samaritan Ministry, an organization that has provided community services since 1986. This ministry assists people whose lives are in transition by working with them to set life improvement goals – *Next Steps* – to end their homelessness and/or unemployment. In support of this overall objective, the St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship group conducted a Mother's Day drive again this year to collect and assemble bags of food and toiletries. Ninety bags were collected for distribution to clients participating in Samaritan's *Next Step* program.

Transitional Housing Corporation (THC)

Darrell Potter

THC is a faith-based, non-profit partnership located in Washington, DC, that provides housing and comprehensive support services to homeless and at-risk families so that they can make transformational changes in their lives. This year, through THC's Adopt-an-Apartment program, St. Andrew's furnished a two-bedroom apartment for a once-homeless mother and her two children. Forty-two parish families participated in this ministry and more than ninety volunteer hours were contributed. On move-in day, a group of sixteen adults and teens worked together to load, transport, unload, move in and set up all the furnishings that had been donated for "our" family. The apartment was truly an inviting, welcoming home once we were finished, and St. Andrew's can be very proud of what we accomplished together for this outreach ministry.

COMMUNICATIONS/COMPUTERS TASK FORCE

Linda Leong

This task force is responsible for making recommendations for the improvement of information technology use by the congregation, including website design and improvement, e-mail use, computer upgrades, electronic evangelism, brochures and signage. In 2008, we completed the following:

IT Training:

The staff completed a one-day on-site training session on the web-based version of ACS integrated church financial management and membership software.

WiFi Network:

The team decided to expand the WiFi network to the discovery room, library and preschool classrooms. The 2009 budget includes enough funding to purchase four wall-mounted routers which can accommodate two networks – the current password-protected network used solely by the staff and a new, second one, which will have a different password and can be used by the preschool staff, Sunday school teachers and others who have a need.

Redundancy of data:

The task force determined that there is a need for off-site backup of data, beyond what some staff members accomplish via thumb drives. Todd Brannam is exploring the options on the market, and \$400 has been requested in the 2010 budget to facilitate the purchase of a program.

Domain name renewal:

Todd Brannam has renewed the standrews.net domain name for an additional three years.

Disposition of old computers:

In 2008, the church purchased new computers for staff members. The task force agreed that, once the hard drives have been cleared, the computers would be offered, first, to the preschool, and, second, to ECHO.

Signage:

A poster showing the photo & responsibility of each vestry member was developed and is posted on church bulletin boards.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our team members for all their hard work! Team members include Todd Brannam, Sabine Chinyavong and Michelle Ramsdell.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Heather Zdancewicz

Stewardship is more than just an annual campaign to raise the necessary pledges for funding a budget. Stewardship is an awareness that all we have has been given by God and our faithful response to those gifts. We have the freedom to manage our time, talent, and treasure in the way we want and we have the ability to make a difference in the ministry of St. Andrew's through our thoughtful and generous stewardship.

In early spring, with the help of San Cannon, Jane Gironde, Erin Moran, and Greg Singleton, we were able to put on a Stewardship of Creation display at a ministry fair in the parish hall. The themes of water conservation, carpooling, energy efficiency at home, and more. I was encouraged by the amount of traffic that visited the displays and hope to continue building awareness of our response to caring for creation.

Stewardship Sunday was October 25 and I want to thank you for your ongoing support that enables us to continue and enhance the many programs of ministry at St. Andrews and the larger community. The average annual pledge for 2010 is \$3,620 from 176 households. The total number of households that have pledged so far is far less than at this same time last year. It's not too late to get your pledge in or to start a new pledge. With you help we can accomplish much.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. II Corinthians 9:7-8

REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD AND PLANNED GIVING

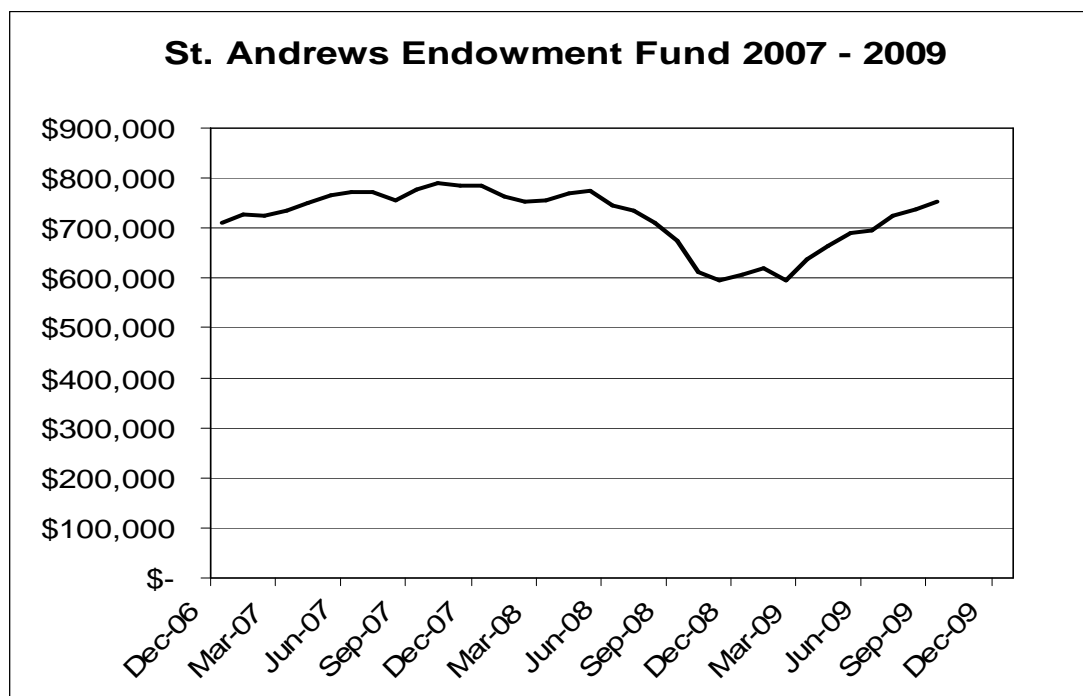
Jane Knight

The Endowment Fund Board consists of five members of the parish, in good standing, that are not current members of the Vestry: Doug Connell, Ann DiMisa (Secretary), Rich Richardson, Alice Roerig and Jane Knight (Chair). The Rector and Senior Warden are ex-officio members of the Board, and the Parish Treasurer acts as Treasurer. The goal of the Endowment Fund Board is to preserve and grow the principal value of the Fund's assets.

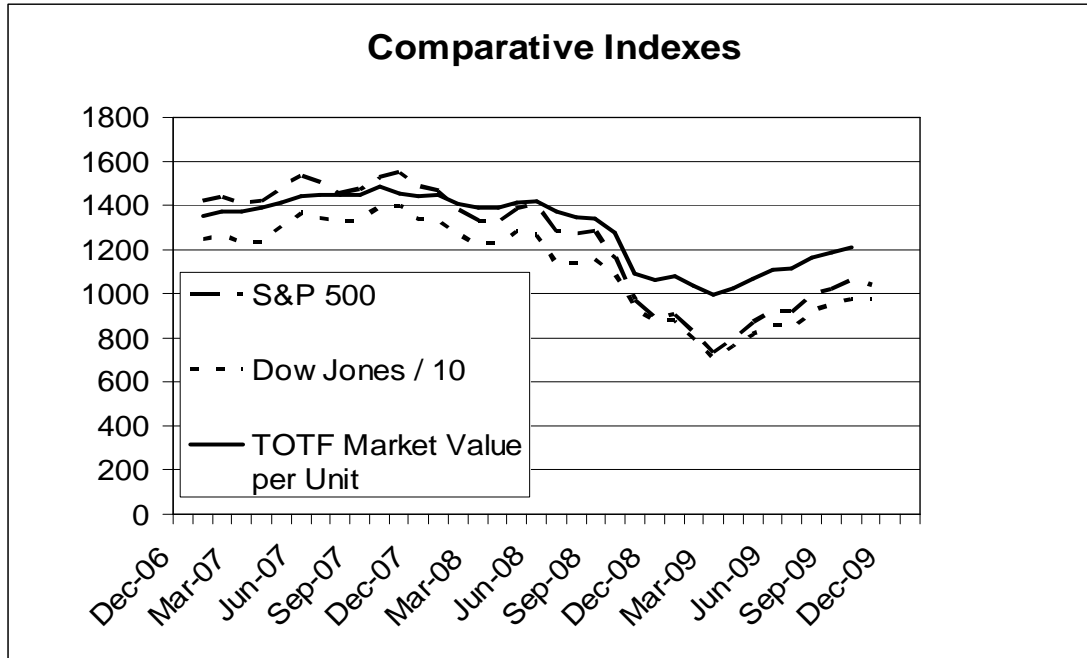
Since 2006, the Endowment Funds of St. Andrew's have been invested with the Trustees of the Funds (TOTF) of the Diocese of Virginia. The Trustees, nominated by the Diocesan Annual Council, have wide experience and ability in fiscal affairs, investment and money management, trust administration, law and real estate.

The TOTF portfolio consists of a blend of 17 component funds utilizing multiple investment management firms. The asset allocation of TOTF as of September 30, 2009 was approximately 74% in equities, 25% in bonds and 1% in cash. The year to date return for TOTF as of September 30 is +13.39%.

Despite the recent economic turmoil, the value of the St. Andrew's Endowment Fund has increased from \$711,028 on September 30, 2008 to \$737,891 as of September 30, 2009. This includes additional contributions during that 12-month period in the amount of \$62,597, but does not reflect a subsequent disbursement of \$21,000 to the Vestry for 2009. Increases in TOTF market value during the second and third quarters of 2009 have brought the St. Andrew's fund balance back up to only 7% below its value at the market peak in October 2007.



Similarly, TOTF outperformed the broader market indexes during the economic downturn. As of September 30, 2009, the TOTF market value was down 19% from the market peak in October 2007. Meanwhile, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 32% and the S&P 500 was down 34% over the same period. In the graph below, the Dow has been divided by 10 to place it on a similar scale with the other two series:



Each year, the Board makes available to the Vestry funds from the Endowment Fund to support the mission of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and the objectives of individual donors. The amount made available is a percentage of the market value of the corpus based on a three-year rolling average. At its meeting in November 2009, the Board concluded that in keeping with this principle \$21,600 would be made available for use by the Vestry in 2010.

In addition to its responsibilities for the Endowment Fund, the Board also arranges occasional educational programs on Planned Giving and other financial topics. In March 2009, an educational seminar on Estate Planning and Charitable Giving was presented at one of the Lenten suppers.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
Kim Horan

INCOME

	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET
Plate Offering	\$48,153.42	\$50,000.00	\$53,488.48	\$50,000.00
Pledge Payments				
Current Year	672,487.16	665,000.00	684,267.64	690,000.00
Other Years	4,362.00	1,000.00	7,805.00	2,500.00
Parish Organizations	11,796.07	12,000.00	13,761.89	12,000.00
Investment Income				
Operating	18,009.21	13,000.00	12,435.02	9,000.00
Endowment Income	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,600.00
Other Undes. Income	28,003.79	28,504.00	28,258.13	28,278.00
From Previous Year				
(Undesignated)	<u>109,863.98</u>	<u>38,286.00</u>	<u>67,636.11</u>	<u>29,708.00</u>
Subtotal-Undes.	\$913,675.63	\$828,790.00	\$888,652.27	\$843,086.00
Designated Funds	\$469,698.47	\$0.00	\$679,634.17	\$0.00
Transfer from Undes.*	62,218.50	0.00	568.54	0.00
Special Offerings	6,353.11	5,000.00	5,774.31	5,000.00
From Prev.Yr. (Des.)	1,313,445.27	0.00	1,117,345.53	0.00
Ministry for Tomorrow				
Bricks	418.00	0.00	190.00	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,765,808.98	\$833,790.00	\$2,692,164.82	\$848,086.00

* Transfers to Designated Funds and Reserves for future use

DISBURSEMENTS

	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET
Outreach**: Includes Diocesan and Regional Pledges, Discretionary Fund, Theological Education, Preschool support, and Outreach Commission budget.	\$149,709.79	\$170,260.00	\$173,934.79	\$183,400.00
Education: Includes Sunday and Summer Church School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Education, Confirmation classes, Nursery costs.	\$10,366.07	\$11,300.00	\$8,348.62	\$13,620.00
Parish Life: Includes Music Leaders, Choir costs, Altar Guild, Acolytes, Youth Ministry, Membership, Evangelism, and social functions.	\$67,832.92	\$73,419.00	\$68,062.89	\$81,624.00
Clergy: Includes salary, housing, utility, travel, pension, health and life insurance, and continuing education for clergy, and seminarian expenses.	\$249,114.50	\$254,507.00	\$233,450.38	\$246,544.00
Plant and Operations: Includes administrative staff salaries and benefits, Sexton services and supplies, plant utilities and maintenance, snow removal, office supplies and equipment, postage, telephone, printing, church insurance, and mortgage and loan repayment.	\$297,214.82	\$318,204.00	\$304,030.69	\$317,148.00
Stewardship and Growth: Stewardship campaign, publicity costs, and audit.	\$8,374.92	\$1,100.00	\$353.13	\$750.00
Transfer to Reserves	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Designated To Next Year (Undes.)	22,218.50	0.00	\$568.54	0.00
	67,636.11	0.00	\$117,213.33	0.00
Subtotal Undes.	\$912,467.63	\$828,790.00	\$905,962.37	\$843,086.00
Designated Funds	\$766,918.44	\$0.00	\$418,843.76	\$0.00
Special Offerings	9,077.38	5,000.00	5,680.65	5,000.00
Increase in LOC	0.00	0.00	640,349.00	0.00
To Next Year (Desig.)	1,117,345.53	0.00	721,329.04	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,805,808.98	\$833,790.00	\$2,692,164.82	\$848,086.00

** In 2008, there were additional expenditures of \$5,144.56 from Designated Funds for Outreach. In 2009, this amount was \$16,676.56.

