



To Know Christ and to make Him Known

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 2009 Annual Report



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VISION

Recognizing we are a family, we will continue to grow as a family, and nurture each other, living our core values, St. Andrew's

- Will weave a rich tapestry of worship fulfilling a variety of spiritual needs;
 - Will be recognized as an educational center for Christian formation
- Will be recognized for sustained, relevant impact for outreach to our larger community
- Will be recognized as a model of Christian stewardship with expanded facilities to meet our mission needs.

Core Values

We are a community of worshippers expressing our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through our commitment to tradition, outreach and the family of faith.

- We value our connection to the traditional, sacramental life of the worldwide Anglican communion as expressed through teaching, liturgy and music
- We value outreach to our community and our diocese by sharing our time, our knowledge and our resources to care for those in need.
- We value the relationships we have as a family of faith, where we strengthen, learn from and support one another, and offer to all a welcoming spiritual home.

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THE 2009 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 25, 2009

Fr. Sean opened the meeting with a prayer, and the meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Lewis Ford. Lewis asked for any corrections from the 2008 Annual Parish Meeting. Carolyn made a motion to accept the minutes, and Dan Salisbury seconded the motion.

Council lay delegate nominees for 2009 are: Mike Mullen, Ron Winn, Lewis Ford and Alison Sawyer, Lewis asked if there are any other nominees. Clifford Hunter moved to approve the delegates. Ann Sifers seconded the motion. Cindy Mullen agreed to serve as an alternate. All approved Cindy Mullen as an alternate.

Reports:

Fr. Sean:

Sean thanked each one for faithfully continuing our ministries. Fr. Sean announced that Guy King is going to join our stewardship campaign, and Sean thanked him in advance for his willingness to assist.

Sean reported that Ginny Wenger, who served as Christian Formation Director for almost two years, is not going to continue as Director to pursue other interests. She is working with Alicia Mohundro, who will accept this position, during this transition process.

Sean thanked Dustin Davis, who is often behind the scenes, faithfully serving St. Andrew's as our sexton Sunday mornings and for other special events.

Wayne Etter:

Treasurer Wayne Etter presented his report, beginning on page 22. Last year the Vestry proposed the 2008 budget, adopting a budget with a significant deficit. As the year unfolded many of our estimates were sufficient, our member contributions were more than we budgeted. We also received a grant and did a little better from the income side. Throughout the year concentrated on controlling our expenditures, and our budget amounts exceeded our needs. The deficit is nearly \$43,000, but better than the expected \$63,000. The Vestry adopted a budget that is in balance, our ability to do that is due to increased member contributions in 2009. Wayne Etter reported a solid forecast; and he is comfortable with the forecast.

We did not accept the full Missionary Asking; but we will pay the assessment. Regrettably, the Vestry agreed that we would not grant staff raises at this time. The report offers the details on the budget. The parking lot is pretty well completed, and the report includes the landscaping, painting, screening the AC unit, and reroofing. Wayne pointed out that the organ fund owes money to St. Andrew's; some that needs to be repaid, hopefully drawing the debt down over the next several years.

Wayne described the St. Andrew's Scholars program, when students graduate from Neal School, and several are selected to receive a \$1000 scholarship when they graduate from high school. That money is invested and the student received the \$1000 and the money that is accrued over the years. Lewis Ford encouraged contributions to that fund. There is money in that fund to offer the scholarships, but contributions of any amount are welcome.

Lewis Ford, Senior Warden

Lewis Ford gave an overview of his report, focusing on program development, spiritual formation, worship and fellowship. He thanked all of those who have served in the many ministries and encouraged everyone to visit with the vestry about programs, and new ministries. The Vestry is strongly committed to finding additional money for missionary asking. We are considering new ideas, including fundraising activities. The vestry also has a strong commitment to staff raises.

Junior Warden: Joe Jaros

Joe thanked Jason Sawyer, Sean Lowey, who ran the church facilities. He noted that he enjoyed the year, and asked for any questions.

Update on strategic planning use:

Lewis Ford reported that there will be a meeting of lay ministry leaders, who will continue to review the building use and strategic planning.

Other reports and program notes:

Joan Etter noted that there is a second caring ministry meeting, organized by Bob Leslie. Sean explained that the caring ministry, or lay pastoral care group, is designed to help people who are in need or who are in a health crisis. We decided that were ready to have this type of program, Bob Leslie is leading this effort. Anyone is invited to the meeting. This is an example of Christian nurture and other exciting programs happening.

Jim Miller is beginning an eMission small group, designed to offer information about computers, technical information, Internet technologies.

Sean invited the parish to approach any vestry member about questions, with our goal of making everything transparent.

Sean invited the vestry members outgoing, and thanked them for their service. He also thanked Ginny Wenger with a beautifully framed photo of St. Andrew's, taken by Chandler Arden.

Sean Cox welcomed our new vestry team: Jeannine Netterville, Jim Miller, Janet Mohundro, and Roland Searcy, and gave a prayer of commissioning. Lewis also announced another vestry badge for Preston Dubose, who was elected for a full term.

Sean Cox closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:10 a.m.

Rector's Report

Despite 2009's sluggish economic recovery, St. Andrew's had a healthy year. Challenges that met our community and parish became opportunities for mission and ministry.

Among the highlights of this year:

- A Lenten retreat with Gordon McBride;
- Successful response to a Lenten challenge grant to complete our Mission Share Pledge;
- Restoration of damaged stained glass windows;
- Addition of prepared suppers on First Wednesdays;
- Well-attended Vacation Bible School;
- New ministries created, including Kitchen & Hospitality Ministry and eMission Discussion Group
- Book signing by Bill Miller;
- Guest preachers included: Nazir Maseh, Bishop Claude Payne, Meredith Holt, Kelly Demo, Doug Travis, Bryan Crittendon, and Steve Bishop
- On-going participation in community outreach projects, including a work day with Habitat for Humanity; and delivering gifts to seven families as part of the Angel Tree project
- A Capital Campaign to retire debt on the parking lot;
- Advent program by Steve Bishop and several small group gatherings.

Many thanks to everyone doing great ministry.

Fr. Sean

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT FOR 2009

St. Andrew's continued to grow into its mission and vision in 2009.

We offer traditional Episcopal worship that utilizes the rich resources of the prayer Book. Services include three on Sunday morning, a 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening service and daily morning prayer during the week. We again had special Holy Week services, such the outdoor Stations of the Cross in downtown Bryan on Good Friday. The rich music program of St. Andrew's continues to be a highlight of our corporate worship.

We are a parish that values Christian education and spiritual formation. Childrens programs included a very successful VBS. The Gateway young adult ministry is growing. We had several guest speakers to lead adult programs and to preach at the Sunday morning services.

Fellowship is another focus of our church family. A new hospitality/cooking ministry has arisen this year. It has provided excellent meals for parish gatherings, such as the evening meals on the first Wednesday of each month. The attendance at these suppers has increased and they provide an opportunity for fellowship. We again had a large number of downtown visitors for Art Step. This Advent we instituted small group gatherings, that utilized a variety of formats including hosting them at parishioners' homes.

Our parish and its members continue to be very active in our community, contributing financial, volunteer and leadership support for a number of local ministries. We continue to be important participants in the Church Food Pantry and in the annual CROP Hunger Walk. Our partnership with Neal Elementary School continues. There are now 22 St. Andrew's Scholars making their way toward high school graduation and college and with support of individuals in the parish we intend to continue to make these awards at Neal School each May. We provided Neal School with school supplies and with money for school t-shirts. We continue to host ESL classes. We supported Habitat and provided workers for a Saturday of roofing. Other parish outreach activities included Angel Tree, Seafarers boxes, Operation Warmth (clothing for children in Afghanistan), Christmas cards for use by our military personnel and St. Andrews ville.

The columbarium installation process has started in the sanctuary. Niche reservations are available, anyone interested in this should contact Columbarium warden Tom McDonald.

In the spring of 2009, two of our treasured stained glass windows were heavily damaged by an act of vandalism. This was tragic, for our parish and for the perpetrator, but we persevered. The damaged windows were removed and for several months we worshipped with these windows replaced by plain glass. Thanks to the efforts of many people in the parish, especially Sylvia Grider, Elaine McClurkan and Ron Winn and to the artistic expertise of Foster Stained Glass Studio, the damaged windows have been restored.

One of the major challenges, and opportunity for spiritual growth, for the parish is the financial support of the parish by its members. The parish conducted a Capital Campaign this fall.

Enough funds were raised to pay off our mortgage from the parking lot construction and exterior renovation of the church buildings, with some funds remaining to begin interior restoration and repairs. Many thanks to all who pledged to this campaign. In December 2008, in order to adopt a balanced budget, we were able to accept only half of the Missionary Commitment that the diocese asked of us for 2009. However, in February, a parish family offered to match parish contributions to raise the \$24,000 to fully meet the Missionary Asking amount, and the parish responded quickly and generously, and by Easter the \$24,000 shortfall was raised and sent to the diocese. As I write this, the budget for 2010 isn't set and the final income and expense numbers for 2009 aren't known, but it is anticipated that we are short about \$80,000 of what is needed in 2010 to support our current programs and staff and to fully meet our assigned Missionary Commitment. Our financial commitment to St. Andrew's needs prayerful consideration from each of us.

I thank everyone for all they do for our parish. Thanks to the Vestry, especially to outgoing members Jim Petty, Jason Sawyer and Chris Faber and to the new members Steven Carr, Cindy Dutschke, Alma Pruessner and Jim Kracht for their willingness to take on this leadership role. And many thanks to Fr. Sean and to all of the church staff and program leaders.

Lewis Ford

Senior Warden

ACOLYTES

This past year the Acolyte Program had approximately twenty-one members of the Parish actively serving at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. The normal age for Acolytes is fifth grade through twelfth grade, but adults are also welcome, especially college-age persons. We also welcome parents and their children serving together. Training of new acolytes can be done as soon as someone expresses an interest. Being an Acolyte is an important way to participate in the worship life of the Parish. If you or members of your family are interested in serving as an Acolyte, contact Lewis Ford (846-2759).

Lewis Ford, acolyte coordinator

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum is our Sunday School class for adults of all ages. It meets on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:05 in the Parish Hall. This past year we covered a variety of topics, with discussions led by our priests Fr. Sean and Fr. Hugh, by members of the parish and by guest speakers.

We enjoyed a full and eventful Spring 2009 semester. Adult forum topics included a series on *Common Elements of Religions* by Fr. Hugh; *Spirituality and Art* led by Wayne Etter and other parish artists; a presentation on *grief and loss* by Cherry Moore, Hospice Brazos Valley. Special guest speaker Rev. Kelly Demo gave an overview on *Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA)*, and several St. Andrew's parishioners signed up to adopt a child/individual as part of this program.

Additionally, our guest speakers included The Rev. Sandi Mizirl and Canterbury students, who discussed *World Mission Conference* and our guest Lenten speaker Rev. Gordon McBride presented *Writing as a Spiritual Discipline*.

Fr. Sean discussed *Reading and Interpreting Mystery* as part of the 2009 Lenten series.

Retired Bishop Claude Payne came on March 29. After Easter, we welcomed the Rev. Nazir Masih, an Anglican priest from Pakistan to introduce the Interfaith Dialogues series, and Fr. Sean continued the series with *The Children of Abraham: Introduction to the Sacred Stories of Judaism and Islam*. We wrapped up the spring semester with Fr. Sean discussing Reflections on the Revelation to John. Carolyn Jaros concluded her tenure as Adult Forum coordinator, with many thanks and appreciation by the parish for her commitment and dedication to adult forum. Lewis Ford accepted the interim coordinator position for adult forum.

Fall 2009 topics included Dr. Sylvia Grider's presentation on "When is a Window more than just a Window" featuring our stained glass windows, the St. Andrew's youth presentation on their outreach trip to help with the hurricane cleanup in Beaumont, presentations by some of our ministry coordinators such as Angel Tree, and Fr. Hugh's discussion on how to talk theology with your priest.

The Adult Forum Committee welcomes suggestions for future topics and speakers that will educate us, challenge us and help us grow in our faith. Also, the program seeks someone to serve as the Adult Forum Committee Chair. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Fr. Sean or Lewis Ford.

Lewis Ford, Interim Adult Forum Committee Chair

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild of St. Andrew's continues its service to the Lord's Table with dedication and purpose. The Guild members continue to do an outstanding ministry in our parish. We are pleased to have added two new members to our team this year. We are still in need of extra help as we do not have any spare folks to call on.

There were several Baptisms this year and we continue to present the Baptismal towel as a memento to the person being baptized. We used the St. Andrew's plaid hangings for the St. Andrew's Day celebration at the end of November and had a good response to helpers to decorate for Christmas and Easter.

One major purchase for the Altar Guild was Advent Candles that are liquid fuel burning instead of wax. These proved to be a wonderful addition as there was never wax to clean from the carpet below the Advent Wreath. We appreciate all those you contribute to the Flower Ministry by making dedications for Sundays and the extra times at Easter and Christmas.

Frances Ware and Joyce Perkins, Altar Guild Directresses

ANGEL TREE

This year St. Andrew's participated in Angel Tree®, which is part of the larger organization known as Prison Fellowship Ministry, based in Landsdowne, VA. The goal of Angel Tree® is to reconcile prisoners and their families through the act of giving gifts at Christmas time. Inmates request, through Prison Ministry Fellowship, that their children be part of Angel Tree® so they can receive Christmas presents. Churches and individuals step-up to fill in the gap for these prisoners and their families. Our part was simple, yet significant. We were literally the "hands, feet, and heart" of these inmates in reaching out to their children.

This year we were assigned 18 children (7 total families) who live in or around Bryan. These children have at least one parent who is incarcerated in a Texas prison. The gifts were purchased, wrapped and delivered to the families in the name of the prisoner-parent. Angel Tree® guidelines asked us to provide 2 gifts per child: a toy item and an article of clothing. The inmates themselves made suggestions of toy items and the caregivers provided ideas and sizes for the clothing. Several parishoners chose to participate by shopping for these gifts. Once returned, members of our St. Andrew's youth group wrapped the gifts , then others delivered them.

Angel Tree® stipulates that anything given above or beyond the 2 gift guideline is from the church and not the inmate. As is fitting of St. Andrew's, we gave generously and from the heart. After taking monetary donations for several weeks, we were able to give each family a gift card to H-E-B in the amount of \$125.00! God has blessed us and called us to do the same. We are grateful to Him for all that He provided these families through us. I can say personally that the experience of delivering these gifts was very humbling. I was thankful for the opportunity to do so. The families that I met or spoke to were so appreciative of the kindness shown to them.

Taking part in Angel Tree® is to know the true meaning of Jesus' words, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Kelly Wilson , Angel Tree Coordinator

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

The Archive Committee's primary responsibility is to document the on-going, contemporary life of the parish, as well as our past history. This year, for example, we created a documentary and photographic record of the window vandalism and restoration as well as getting started on organizing all of the existing records, dating back to 1915, of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Women. *(Continued on the next page)*

We continue to refine our filing system, while sorting through all of the stacks and stacks of miscellaneous documents, reports, etc. pertaining to our parish history. The Archive Committee as a whole temporarily stopped meeting during 2009 so that a sub-committee could focus on planning the centennial celebration of our building. The cornerstone of our present building was laid in 1912 and the completed building was dedicated in 1914.

We invite any parishioners who have old clippings, notebooks, photographs, files, etc. pertaining to the history of the church to donate those documents to the Archives. Just leave those materials in the Archive mailbox in the main office or contact Sylvia Grider (grider@tamu.edu or 821-6273).

Sylvia Grider, Archive Committee Chair

ART STEP

St. Andrew's played a key role in Bryan's Art Step on the evenings of Friday, June 5 and Friday, October 2, 2009. In the nave, visitors encountered Erin Kracht presenting a short history of St. Andrew's and explanation of the stained glass windows. Erin alternated with musicians provided by the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra. The parish hall was filled with an incredible variety of art placed on display by parishioners, the local Episcopal community, and members of the Brazos Valley Art League. Outside, St. Andrew's parking lot provided space for the Brazos Valley Farmer's Market. St. Andrew's hosted nearly 600 visitors on these two evenings, many of whom enjoyed our hospitality for the first time. Plans are in place to continue St. Andrew's role in Art Step on February 5, June 4, and October 1, 2010.

Jim Kracht, Art Exhibits Coordinator

BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY

St. Andrew's is one of approximately twenty-eight churches that are members of the Brazos Church Pantry. We support the Pantry with donations of money, donations of food and volunteers who work at the Pantry. The Pantry is an emergency and supplemental food source for the poor of Brazos County. In 2009 the Pantry provided food to over 22,200 people.

Starting September 2009, the Pantry starting receiving USDA food items from the Food Bank. In conjunction with this, we changed our distribution guidelines so that all clients could receive food once a month, instead of once every three months, which had previously been the case. This has greatly increased the amount of clients who come to us for food and also the amount of food we distribute (by about a factor of three). The increased work load has put stress on our current volunteer teams and we are in need of additional volunteers. The Pantry currently needs volunteer workers, two hours a week on any day Monday through Friday, or two hours on Saturday once a month. *Continued on the next page...*

The Pantry has no paid staff and owns its buildings and furnishings so pays no rent or debt service. The monthly dues of the member churches cover the small operating expenses of the Pantry so all additional money contributed by individuals goes entirely to purchase food. The Church Pantry is a member pantry of the Brazos Food Bank and can purchase many food items at low cost from the Food Bank.

Food donations may be left in the Narthex or in the box in the hallway outside the church office. Any non-perishable items are welcome. The Pantry does not routinely purchase baby formula, baby food and diapers but they are often requested by clients and donations of these items is much needed and appreciated. Cash donations are used to purchase food at wholesale prices and from the Food Bank and are especially needed. They may be made by check, payable to St. Andrew's with "Church Pantry" on the memo line, or can be mailed directly to the Pantry. The Pantry also needs donations of paper or plastic grocery sacks. Contact Lewis Ford (846-2759 or ford@physics.tamu.edu) if you have any questions about the Pantry or are interested in volunteering to work at the Pantry.

Lewis Ford, Church Pantry Liaison

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

For the first time in our parish's long history, we conducted two concurrent campaigns this fall – the Stewardship campaign and the Capital Campaign. A Capital Campaign leadership team was formed, under the direction of Fr. Sean and Nick Dyke, our campaign consultant. Sean Lowey served as the Campaign Chair, and Roland Searcy as the Stewardship Campaign chair.

The team met in early September 2009 to discuss plans for each of the campaign events, including Capital Campaign conversations, Foundation meetings and St. Andrew's / Ingathering Sunday. We each were given prayer partners, to pray for and over during the duration of the campaign.

The Capital Campaign's theme "Honoring our Past...Enriching our Future capital campaign focuses on enhancing our physical assets and long term viability. Funds generated over the three-year pledge life of the campaign will pay the mortgage on the parking lot and provide some much-needed restoration to our church. The core emphasis of the Capital Campaign is to provide an unburdened gift of St. Andrew's to the next generation of Episcopalians.

The leadership team determined four goals, with the first goal being elimination of the Parking Lot Debt Cost: \$270,000; Goal II: Renovation of the Nave and Sacristy Cost: \$238,500; Goal IV: Renovation of Parish Hall, Offices and Nursery Cost: \$32,000; Goal III: Renovation of the Parlor Cost: \$16,500. These goals were included in a brochure that was available for all parishioners.

Sunday, October 18, we held Capital Campaign Conversations during each service, and afterwards we met Parish Hall for food, fellowship and special presentations about our Campaign. *Continued on the next page...*

Members of the team worked to develop a special poster display with background information and photographs, outlining each goal and specific needs. Foundational meetings “Foundations for our spiritual journey” were held in November, with Fr. Nick giving an overview of the campaign and how it fits into our own personal spiritual journey. We distributed both campaign and pledge cards at this time. We also compiled, printed and distributed devotional booklets, organized by Kathleen Phillips, with the devotionals written by our parishioners. This was a wonderful resource and place for reflection regarding our personal response to the campaign.

We celebrated St. Andrews Day/Ingathering Sunday on November 29, with a special lunch and dance presentation by the Neal Elementary Folklorico dancers. Parishioners brought in pledge and campaign cards to be blessed during the service.

To date, it is with grateful appreciation we can announce we have \$311,879.96 in contributions and/or pledges to the Capital Campaign Fund. We expect we will be able to reduce the bank note immediately by about \$143,000. The campaign leadership team will continue to monitor progress and report to the Parish on fulfilling our goals.

Alison Sawyer, Capital Campaign Leadership Team

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

If you are a roller coaster fan and just had the opportunity to be the first person to ride the Texas Giant, you probably ended your ride saying, “Wow, what a ride! I can’t wait to go again.” This is similar to the feeling upstairs in Christian Formation. We had an exciting year, with preschool, K-5 and high school each spending time learning about the Bible, our church and how we can apply it to our lives.

This last year preschool has continued with the *The Bible A to Z*. This program is allowing us to help the kids build a solid foundation on which to grow on. Each Sunday we take a letter of the alphabet and tell the story of the character whose name begins with that letter; A – Abraham, B – Baptism with John the Baptist, etc. The leaders present a story, then the group participates in a hands-on activity, followed by some free play time to socialize with their friends. In addition we are introducing them to some of the traditions of the Episcopal Church including the liturgical seasons, baptism and communion.

The K-5 room has seen some changes this year. The first order of business was working on the problem of not having enough space for us. This was a happy problem to have to contend with. We have 24 children on the K-5 roster and one room just wouldn’t house us all. So instead we are now using two rooms. All the kids start in the story room to learn about our lesson, and then go across the hall to the activity room for games, cooking, acting out a play, and craft making. We decided to follow Father Sean’s yearly theme of Time, Talents, and Treasures. *Continued on the next page...*

We look at figures from the Bible who were called by God to spread His word using these three areas. We also have taken time to focus on each of the seasons that we in the Episcopal Church celebrate. Learning the purpose for each season we celebrate, how we celebrate the seasons, and creating a new banner for our rooms has been a great learning experience for all of us.

The 6-12 classes have seen some new and familiar faces this year. James Batenhorst and John Dougan energetically lead the junior and senior high students with the help of Anne Orell, Steve Wilson, and Katherine Marlow. The youth were able to help plan what they would like to study, and they decided to take the *Chronicle of Narnia* movie and after watching a chapter, discuss the Christian references.

For our special events, we had a wonderful Vacation Bible School. VBS took place at the end of June last year, and *"It Rocked!"* With the help of amazing volunteers, 65 children had the opportunity to learn about Jesus' awesome love. Son Rock Kids Camp was a high-energy week teaching the kids that Jesus loves, accepts, forgives, and protects us. We also had a special helper by the name of Jennifer Lilleker, making sure we had a great meal while we were at camp. We would also like to thank the many, many people who donated their time, talents and treasures to make the week happen. Due to everyone's generosity we only used half of our budgeted amount. And, if the Epiphany play was any indicator, we are going to have one AMAZING SPRING!! We really would like you to venture upstairs one Sunday and just see what all is going on ... you will be impressed. Thank you for the opportunity to work with the children and help serve the Lord.

Alicia Mohundro and Julie Vilas, Christian Formation

COMMUNICATIONS

The St. Andrew's communications efforts continue to expand, both internally and externally. Internally, we print approximately 175 bulletins weekly for the Sunday services. Other print materials include 25 bulletins per week for the lay ministry team, 60 Good News Daily weekly devotionals for the lay ministry and church, and supplemental scripture readings for the lay ministry team.

The Friday E-news is a colorful and informative marketing tool for our parish, we currently have 200 e-mail subscribers who receive the publication. We continue to receive subscription requests from the website, where viewers are able to enter their email address.

The Angler is published quarterly – in May, August, November and February. This 16-page publication is helpful to share in more detail about our multiple ministries, outreach, worship events and special programs, such as Lent, Advent, Christian Formation, Music, ECW, DOK and others. We post the Angler on our website, and also mail out approximately 100 newsletters to

those who prefer a hard copy. Materials and article idea are always welcome, and deadlines are published on our website in the Angler tab.

The website is an evergrowing and changing presence for St. Andrew's – we recently added a video that viewers can download straight from the home page. The video, produced by Ben Smith is a wonderful overview of our church, with interview highlights from Fr. Sean and photos of our beautiful church. We hope this will reach out to many who may be looking for a church home. Other website features include podcasts of Sunday sermons (will be updated for 2010), small group ministry highlights, event planning for weddings, and other functions; visitor information, diocese information, and news briefs for our ongoing events. Several newcomers have noted that they visited St. Andrew's because they found us on the web, so we will continue to find ways to keep it informative, fresh and helpful to both parishioners and visitors.

New on Facebook – St. Andrew's joined the network of millions of Facebook users by adding a fan page for our church. On this page, we can post events, photos and many other useful tools. This will continue to expand as new ministries form and parishioners connect to Facebook.

Sharing God's love in the community – One of the communications goals is to share God's love with others, and one way to do that is to invite others to our church, and let them know what is going on. We are regularly featured in the Bryan/College Station Eagle's Saturday Faith calendar section, and often are listed in community publications such as *InSite Magazine* and *AbouTown Press*. Special articles were published about our stained glass window restoration, and the Texas Episcopalian featured our story in their September 2009 issue. Our hope is to open our doors and invite others in and hope that with the increase in interest in our downtown community, we will continue to ***Know Christ and Make Him Known!***

THANKS... Many thanks go to Preston DuBose and Ben Smith, for their endless knowledge of internet and web communications; Dianne Gilbert, for her computer knowledge and keeping our office running efficiently, and Alma Pruessner and Cherie Mulkey, our faithful Friday office volunteers, who help with everything from mailouts, proofreading and a multitude of other tasks, and Jean Cordell and Vera Martin, a dynamic duo who tend to the pew pockets. Thank you for your time and energy.

Alison Sawyer, Director of Communications

CROP HUNGER WALK

St. Andrew's walkers, sponsors, and ice cream providers played a huge role in our October 18, 2009 CROP Hunger Walk. The walk was fun, ecumenical, and a great way to help fight hunger "around the world and around the block" through Church World Service, the Brazos Church Pantry and the Brazos Valley Food Bank. The 154 walkers participating raised \$11,227.35, with St. Andrew's 51 walkers bringing in \$3,030; of the 12 groups participating, we were #1 again in 2009 for both number of walkers and sponsor donations.

Carolyn Jaros and Lewis Ford, CROP Hunger Walk Coordinators

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The final meeting of the St. Andrew's ECW for the 2008-2009 year was a salad luncheon on June 13 at the home of Billie Elmendorf. Fortified with delicious salads and desserts, the members set about the business of distributing funds raised during the year. A total of \$2,790.00 was given to:

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| Brazos Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. to the benefit of Meals on Wheels | |
| \$300.00 | |
| Meals on Wheels, in honor of Judy Winn as past president | \$100.00 |
| Twin City Mission | \$300.00 |
| Health for All | \$300.00 |
| The Church Pantry | \$300.00 |
| Family Promise | |
| \$300.00 | |
| Hospice Brazos Valley | \$200.00 |
| Voices for Children | \$100.00 |
| Adult Retarded Centers (ARC) | |
| \$100.00 | |
| Pre-Natal Clinic (Support also given at the You're-The-Tops Luncheon) | |
| \$100.00 | |
| Still Creek Ranch | \$100.00 |
| St. Andrew's Archives | \$ 90.00 |
| St. Andrew's Fund (earmarked for a need to be determined) | |
| \$500.00 | |

On August 8th, St. Andrew's hosted the ECW Diocesan Board Meeting. Many thanks to Linda Ford, Central Convocation Coordinator, and Alice, Sarah, and Susannah Jones; our guests enjoyed a generous helping of St. Andrew's hospitality. *Continued...*

During the summer a questionnaire was sent to ECW members to ascertain interests in the areas of Spiritual Growth, Outreach and Fellowship and the timing of meeting and events. Responses indicated three dominant preferences in the area of Spiritual growth: field trips to historic churches or places of worship, participation in small group bible study and attending a spiritual growth retreat. Preference in Outreach activities included working on a project for a community cause or engaging in an ongoing craft activity to benefit a particular cause. Fellowship received the strongest and most varied responses. Despite our varied and busy schedules, we want to spend time together! Responses with regard to timing indicated that we would need to offer activities on more flexible basis than our traditional third Thursday evening of each month.

The year began on September 12 with a Kick-off Luncheon at the home of Linda Catalena. The meal was prepared by current and past ECW presidents Linda Ford, Cathy Godfrey, Erin Kracht, Joyce Perkins and Judy Winn. At the luncheon it was determined that the St. Andrew's Fund would be used to purchase new flatware for the church kitchen, which was used for the first time at the Celebrate with Relish Luncheon. Through the generosity of Jo Stocker and an anonymous benefactress, the cost of the flatware was underwritten and a new need will be determined for the earmarked funds. Thank you, ladies.

This year's theme is "Faith in Motion – Expressing our Faith in All We Do", reflective of our active, out-going members. We began with a very busy October. ECW sponsored a table at the Surviving & Thriving Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon on October 15. Linda Ford, Carolyn Jaros, Sandra Petty, Kathleen Phillips and Adrienne Frieda attended the Diocesan's 108th Annual ECW Meeting and Retreat at Camp Allen on October 16 and 17. Kathleen led a workshop entitled Icons of Prayer. On October 24 a business meeting was held, followed by a Chrismon Workshop led by Joyce Perkins. The workshop served as the beginning of a needlepoint ministry with the goal of completing new Chrismons for Christmas 2010.

On November 24, a Holiday Workshop was led by Chris Faber and Jennifer Lilleker. Participants made a floral arrangement and two appetizers to start their Thanksgiving meal. A fun time was had by all. Many comments during and after the workshop included the phrase "when we do this again...."

December brought another successful Celebrate with Relish luncheon and sale, thanks to Judy Winn, who chaired the sales, and Jennifer Lilleker, who chaired the luncheon. Thanks to all who contributed to the sale with wonderful handmade items. The talents of our parish never cease to delight!

Our activities in the spring will continue with opportunities for spiritual growth, outreach and fellowship including a field trip to The Brookwood Community in Brookshire; the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Allen on April 9 and 10: Living the Now Moment with Joy presented

by Dr. Eileen M. Raffaniello Barbella; participation in the “You’re the Tops” luncheon benefitting the Pre-Natal Clinic; and a Mother-Daughter Tea. We will wrap up the year with our annual May Quiet Day and June Salad Luncheon.

Thank you to Erin Kracht. She recognized the need to re-instate the position of corresponding secretary and volunteered to serve in that capacity. Over the past two months notes of caring and concern, wellness and condolence have been sent to eight parishioners on behalf of ECW. Thank you to the women who serve on our ECW committees: Cradle Roll, Food for Families, Church Receptions, Cabbies for Christ and Friends on the Phone. Meals have been taken to seven parishioners, several receptions have been hosted and parishioners have received rides to and from church and Wednesday evening events. And thank you to all the women of St. Andrew’s; the support you provide to each other, our parish and area charities is immeasurable.

Officers for this year are:

President – Adrienne Frieda
Vice-President/Programs – Jennifer Lilleker
Recording Secretary – Robin Rackley
Corresponding Secretary – Erin Kracht
Treasurer – Linda Catalena

Adrienne Frieda, ECW President

Hospitality Ministry

Our Mission

The purpose of St Andrew's Hospitality ministry is to create, through foodservice, a welcoming atmosphere of love and friendship, for everyone who enters our facility, and to reach out with a welcoming spirit of inclusion to our community especially those in need.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. --Hebrews 13:2

**"Welcome one another, then, just as Christ welcomed you, in order to bring praise to God." --
Romans 15:7**

Our church is an extremely active and social place! Several groups continue to regularly meet including the Men's Breakfast group on Thursday mornings. They embody the idea of fellowship by preparing and eating a meal together while connecting through stories and conversation. Likewise, the First Wednesday night meals are continuing to grow as they adopt this same philosophy. We usually have about 5-7 helpers in the kitchen and 50-60 people who come to dine with us each month, some staying for activities and some just for the fellowship. Coffee Hour continues to be another regular gathering for people before and after their services on Sunday. It is always wonderfully stocked with homemade goodies from Linda Ford's bakers group. Many thanks to the bereavement committee for their fine work, truly showing hospitality to those in need.

We started off last year with Shove Tuesday and the Pancake Supper and Cake Auction. As always the Vestry prepared a wonderful meal and the cakes, decorated by parish youth, were a big hit and much sought after. To close out the Lenten Season we once again had a heavily attended Seder Supper organized by Netta and Cathy Godfrey and a very busy Easter Brunch co-chaired by Adrienne and myself.

Many other fine events such as the Parish Picnic, Vacation Bible School, the Stewardship Campaign lunches and Newcomers' welcome lunches helped fill the year with wonderful opportunities for our church. Thanks to the many that organized and helped with these events. Our Advent Brunch in December was highlighted by our visit by Dr. Steve Bishop. ECW hosted their yearly Celebrate with Relish luncheon which, as always, was a success. And finally, Christmas cookies and hot chocolate on Christmas Eve provided a sweet ending to 2009.

As you can see our kitchen gets a lot of use and our ministry has ample opportunities to serve our church throughout the year. Please continue support us by helping with and coming to the events we host. It is a great opportunity to get involved and join in fellowship with your St. Andrew's family.

Sincerely, Jennifer Lilleker, Hospitality ministry coordinator

KNITTING GROUP

The St. Andrews Knitting Group meets on the third Sunday of every month from 4:30-6PM in the library. During the last year, the group averaged between 4 and 6 participants at each monthly meeting. Each meeting is started and ended with a blessing that focuses on knitting and the blessing of our hands.

The group continues to make blankets for donation to Voices for Children. Approximately a dozen completed blankets of varying sizes were donated to Voices for Children this past year. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to knit squares for the blankets that the group will piece together later. There is a basket of yarn under the bulletin board in the parlor for people to pick from and use to knit the squares. The completed squares are placed in the smaller basket under the bulletin board in the parlor. Crocheters are also welcome! For more information about the group please contact Diana North: dianafnorth@hotmail.com or 690-0058.

Diana North, Knitting coordinator

LAY MINISTRY

During 2009 we covered 125 + miles per month in Bryan and College Station attending to people at home, in hospitals, in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Bulletins and "Good News Daily" were delivered to about 35 Episcopalians and other Christian Denominations.

The first and second Sundays of each month we gave communion at various homes, nursing and assisted living facilities, (Communion was split into two Sundays because of the number of people being served) as well as delivering bulletins and "Good News Daily". We averaged 26 to 28 communicants over the two Sundays.

The first Sunday of each month, we hold Evening Prayer for residents of Assisted Living at St. Joseph's Manor. We average 8 to 10 people each month. On the fourth Sunday of the month we have Evening Prayer for the residents of the Nursing home at the St. Joseph's Manor with 6 some evenings and as many as 12 at other times.

We also do hospital visits and ask that people call us to advise when someone is in the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Godfrey, Clifford Hunter

LAY READERS AND CHALICE BEARERS

The lay readers and chalice bearers provide an important component in the corporate worship at St. Andrew's. We currently have about 26 people licensed by the diocese as either lectors/worship leaders (lay readers) or Eucharistic ministers. (Chalice bearers). We also have four people licensed to carry the Eucharist to the ill and shut-ins. (Eucharistic visitors). We serve at the majority of worship services, and sometimes perform special duties, such as serving at weddings and funerals. Several members of our group were instrumental in organizing the daily Morning Prayer that is said in the chancel on weekdays. I would like to commend all of the lay readers and chalice bearers for their work during this period. Their sense of dedication allows us to enhance the corporate worship of our parish. We continue, however, to need additional readers. The 7:30 a.m. service, in particular, needs additional volunteers, but we could always use additional people at all our services. Anyone wishing to join our ranks is welcome and should contact either Father Sean or me, Jjaros@medlib.tamu.edu.

Joe Jaros, Master of Lay Readers

MUSIC

The basic summary for 2009 for Music at St. Andrew's would be: holding steady, all is well. This can certainly be said for the organ, shortly beginning its fifth year of service since the major renovation was completed. Since the 2005 renovation, and by carefully monitoring the air temperature in the church and pipe chambers (and the fine work of our organ servicing company, the Fort Organ Co.), our tuning and servicing bills have remained very reasonable. Visitors from outside St. Andrew's have experienced the organ during the past year: it was one of the organs on the "Brazos Valley Organ Installation Tour" sponsored by the Brazos Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists last spring, with guests from Austin and Waco; and there were nearly 100 in attendance, hearing our organ put through its paces, when St. Andrew's was the location for the BVCAGO "Halloween Spooktacular."

All is well and holding steady with our choirs as well. The membership in both the Crusader Choir (children/youth) and Bell Choir has remained essentially the same as in previous years, particularly as far as total numbers, with just a couple of shifts in personnel. This is my sixth year as Director of Music (and, since beginning as Organist/Choirmaster in 1992, my eighteenth year at St. Andrew's!), and the sixth year for directing these two groups; I am continually pleased as each group lives up to the expectations that the congregation has come to have for them, presenting music that is enjoyable and challenging to the musicians and that enhances worship services regularly throughout the year.

The Parish Choir (adult choir) has actually expanded slightly this year with a membership of sixteen when all are present. It is always a pleasure to work with this dedicated group of musicians, but the richness, depth, and balance of sound throughout the choir this year has made it particularly rewarding for its director, musically and, hopefully, for the congregation privileged to hear it service after service. As is true each year, one of the musical highlights of the year was the Service of Lessons and Carols, this past year featuring readings, carols, hymns, and anthems with a focus on Mary, the mother of Christ. All three choirs participated in the service, either individually or in combination, including one anthem combining all three. *Continued on the next page...*

A special highlight of the late Christmas Eve service (special for the organist, at least) was an extended postlude, with organ music continuing from the Dismissal through midnight, with the full forces of the organ shaking the rafters during the final variation of Marcel Dupré's "Variations on Adeste Fideles" as Christmas morning arrived.

Looking ahead, a few things are worth noting.

- Our Parish Choir has maintained its excellent balance of choral forces by having a couple of members on scholarship; these paid members of the choir have not only filled out our men's section, but have also been called upon for solos from time to time. The balance of sound within the choir can only be maintained if one of two things happens: (1) we are able to continue to find funds to provide scholarships; or (2) additional members of the congregation step forward to fill these places.
- We are now in our fourth year of singing the Psalms at the 11:15 service; with a 3-year cycle of readings, this means we can now repeat Psalms from previous years – which may make it easier for the director, the choir, and the congregation. I might also note, though, that, in the process of having written some Psalm settings, I have completed settings for at least portions of 38 Psalms; if I continue the pace of a dozen new settings each year, by the time of the next annual report I will have completed 50.
- There are always new ideas and plans in the works: new anthems for the choirs; trying out new service music or hymns; and special events throughout the year. Whether the music is brand new (sometimes the Psalms are written on Tuesday, practiced on Wednesday, and presented on Sunday!) or from the centuries-old tradition of sacred music, it will hopefully continue to enhance the worship services at St. Andrew's.

Alan Strong, Director of Music

OUTREACH

Outreach experienced a banner year both at home and abroad. Our parish is very giving in time, talent and treasure in spite of the national economy.

We raised over \$3,333.33 for 1/12th of the Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build project. In addition thirty of our members worked all day November 7 shingling a house for the Cunningham family. Our small children and their families brought and shared a delicious lunch which was orchestrated by Ann and Ron Orrell and Alma Pruessner.

Once again eight fifth grade students from Neal School were selected for \$1000 scholarships each at a special assembly followed by a reception hosted by St. Andrew's parishioners. Their academic progress will be monitored by parishioners Sandra and Jim Petty, and James Batenhorst and Dustin Davis. The team will follow the Scholars' academic progress through high school, and would like to include them in St. Andrew's youth activities. After graduation from high school, Neal Scholars will use funds for college expenses. Similar activities are scheduled for 2010 with another eight scholarships to be awarded. That will bring the total number of scholarships awarded to 30.

The scholarships are funded by individual contributions, and your support is encouraged. A number of parishioners participate in the HOSTS project at Neal School. HOSTS stands for Help One Student to Succeed and is a one on one mentoring program each week. This school was awarded an Excellent grade in academic achievement by the state. In August 2009 each student received a t-shirt provided by St. Andrew's with the school motto on the back: "Whatever It Takes".

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, St. Andrew's hosts an English language program (ESL) as part of an Outreach Hispanic Ministry, administered by Region VI ESL. This literacy program serves 100 people each week. Twice a year our parishioners sit in on round table discussions to speak English with the students.

Other local Outreach programs are funded by monies from the Plass Foundation and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Cake Auction. This year these funds were divided among Voices for Children, Twin City Mission, Neal School, The Church Pantry, and The Arc. Individuals provided time, talent and treasure in support of CROP Walk, the Church Pantry, UTO, Fannin School, and St. Andrews ville. Other time, talent and treasure for support out of town was given for Operation Warmth, Angel Tree, Seafarers' Shoe Boxes, Christmas Cards for Troops and African Team Ministries. We also met our goal for the annual Diocesan request for mission giving.

Zo Granberry, Outreach Coordinator

St. Andrew's Scholars at Neal School

The St. Andrew's family has continued the St. Andrew's Scholars scholarship program, as part of our Neighbors with Neal association with Neal Elementary School.

This scholarship program awards \$1000 scholarships to 5th grade students at Neal School, at the end of each school year. The recipients are selected by the teachers at Neal. The scholarships are held in an account at the Bryan Education Foundation and the money accumulates earnings each year as the students continue in school. The \$1000 plus accumulated earnings are applied towards the cost of attendance when they attend college or vocational school.

Scholarships have been awarded for three years now, for a total of 22 Scholars. The program intends to designate 8 new Scholars in May 2010. The recipients are typically from low income families and many will be the first from their family to attend college. The scholarships, given early in the student's academic career, emphasize the importance of higher education and give encouragement to the students that they too can go to college.

The program is supported totally by contributions from individuals and needs your support if it is to continue. Contributions of any amount are greatly welcomed and are combined together in the scholarship fund. If you can participate, make your check payable to St. Andrew's and write "St. Andrew's Scholars" on the memo line.

Lewis Ford, St. Andrew's Scholars at Neal School Liaison

STEWARDSHIP

**“Remember: sparse sowing, sparse reaping; sow bountifully, and you will reap bountifully.” 2
Corinthians 9:6**

This year we held two concurrent campaigns, the Stewardship and Capital Campaign. The Stewardship Campaign encouraged our parish to pledge, support the ministries of St. Andrew's and the Diocese of Texas, and through these pledges, achieve our ministry goals for 2010.

The initial letter was mailed out to the Parish in September announcing both campaigns. We included weekly bulletin inserts which focused on scriptures and stewardship messages, and we also displayed a stewardship poster in the Parish Hall during the Capital Campaign. The poster emphasized weekly costs for ministries such as Worship and Pastoral, Christian Formation Youth Program, Diocesan Assessment, Insurance and Utilities

Thanks to Alma Pruessner and Karen Royal for their personal meditations on Stewardship during the services. Thanks also to our Treasurer, Wayne Etter, who continues to provide us with accurate and helpful information and to Father Sean, for his encouragement and guidance.

As of January 6, our Stewardship total is \$329, 457 with 91 pledges. We are thankful for each of these gifts, and look forward to a blessed 2010.

Roland Searcy, Stewardship Chair

SUNDAY BAKERS

During 2009, 40 ladies and gentlemen provided baked goods to be served with coffee every Sunday. These dedicated bakers also furnished loaves of sweet bread to be delivered to our newcomers to show them how happy we are to have them at St. Andrews. The goal of the Sunday bakers is to help make St. Andrews feel like home. If you would like to take part in this ministry, please contact Linda Ford at 846-2759 or email me at linford@suddenlink.net.

Linda Ford, Bakers Coordinator

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Grace chapter of the Daughters of the King was instituted at St. Andrew's in Bryan in December 2003. We are thankful for our six years of service to this church. In addition to the prayer list you see in the bulletin on Sundays we pray for any additional requests directed to us. All prayer requests are confidential. We pray daily for those named and for their need. Our goal is to be an intercessory for you and to aid your own continuing conversation with God.

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a religious community open to women communicants of the Episcopal Church. The DOK is an order, under a religious rule requiring members to take solemn vows to follow a Rule of Life, one of prayer and service to parish and community. In addition to prayer support, most daughters are active members in various outreach ministries, as she feels called to serve.

The emblem of the Order is the modified Greek fleury cross inscribed in Latin "Magnanimitate Crucem Sustine" – "with heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross". At the base of the cross are the letters "FHS", the motto of the Order "For His Sake".

This fall we changed our meeting time to the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer in the sanctuary. This frees up a night for our working daughters and allows our members who don't feel comfortable driving at night an opportunity to attend. We occasionally have special meetings open to any interested women, such as an Icon workshop in March 2009. We are planning a labyrinth walk and an informational "get-to-know-us" meeting later this spring.

DOK chapters do not "fundraise" to support our chapter or the national organization. Each member pays yearly dues to the order. Any programs we have at St. Andrew's or trips to Diocesan assemblies are self-supporting.

For additional information about the Grace chapter, contact Cathy Godfrey (cecakes@suddenlink.net) or Jean Cordell (jean_cordell@yahoo.com). The online address for the Diocese of Texas DOK is: www.dokdot.org. and www.dok-national.org. for National information.

Cherie Mulkey, Daughters of the King

TREASURER'S REPORT

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Bryan, Texas

For the year ending December 31, 2009

Parish Operations

The accompanying statements report a \$15,251.64 General Fund deficit for the year ending December 31, 2009.

Actual 2009 disbursements for a number of budget line-items were less than the amount budgeted. Constant attention was given to controlling expenditures throughout the year. As a result, actual General Fund disbursements were approximately \$16,500 less than our budgeted expectations.

Actual Plate Offerings and Investment Income for the year were close to the amounts budgeted. We received a \$15,000 payment from the Quin Foundation (the third and final payment from the three-year grant that began in 2007) and our request to the Gilbert and Thyra Plass Charitable Trust for a \$15,000 grant was approved. However, actual member contributions plus designated special contributions were \$32,667 less than the amount budgeted.

Our 2009 shortfall in actual income versus budgeted income is partly due to members who either moved or died during 2009. At the beginning of 2009, these members were budgeted to contribute approximately \$46,700, but during the year their actual contributions were approximately \$31,000. Of course, our membership base for making our 2010 income projections was reduced by \$46,700.

The Vestry adopted a 2010 budget which anticipates a small surplus. Because our best estimate of 2010 income is approximately \$62,000 less than budgeted 2009 income and approximately \$29,500 less than 2009 actual income, the projected 2010 budget surplus was achieved by cutting planned expenditures. The Vestry accepted only \$5,000 of the requested \$54,527 Diocesan Missionary Asking, trimmed expenditures throughout the 2010 budget and concluded that we will not be able to increase staff salaries during 2010. Further, the Vestry made the decision to eliminate the Director of Christian Formation position in order to balance the 2010 budget. We will apply again this year for a \$15,000 grant from the Gilbert and Thyra Plass Charitable Trust, but we will not be receiving any payments from the Quin Foundation.

Capital Campaign Fund

As of December 31, 2009, the Capital Campaign received 78 pledges and/or payments totaling \$311,879.96. The Capital Campaign's first priority is to retire St. Andrew's mortgage debt. Because the mortgage loan's unpaid December 31, 2009 balance was \$267,186.46, the Capital Campaign has received sufficient funds and pledges to retire the debt by the end of 2012. As these funds are received they will

be used to reduce our mortgage debt through principal reduction payments over and above the regularly scheduled mortgage payments (which will continue to be made from the General Fund).

We have received sufficient funds to reduce immediately the loan's unpaid balance by \$143,000. Prosperity Bank has agreed to calculate a new monthly payment based on the remaining balance after this \$143,000 payment. This will result in a significant reduction in our monthly payment and has allowed us to avoid even deeper reductions in our parish operations.

2009 Missionary Commitment

When the 2009 budget was adopted, the Vestry accepted \$24,000 of the requested \$47,922 Missionary Commitment. To make up the shortfall, the parish was challenged during Lent to contribute \$12,000 which was matched by an anonymous parishioner. A check for \$24,000 was sent to the Diocese to fully pay the requested 2009 Missionary Commitment.

Stained Glass Window Restoration

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Restoration Cost | \$34,935.74 |
| Church Insurance Company Payments | 33,935.74 |
| Donations | <u>1,455.00</u> |
| Net Cost to St. Andrew's | (\$ 455.00) |

Hospitality Ministry

The Vestry approved the start-up of the Hospitality Ministry, directed by Jennifer Lilleker, which will provide meals for various church events. The Vestry did not provide any General Fund support for this ministry because it is expected to be financially self-supporting. Individual meal costs will be estimated and those who make reservations to eat at these events are expected to make an appropriate donation toward the cost of their meals. Regular financial reports will be made to Jennifer Lilleker and the Vestry

St. Andrew's Scholars Fund

The Bryan ISD Foundation uses contributions from St. Andrew's to award scholarships to Neal School students who are recognized as St. Andrew's Scholars. The Treasurer's role is to receive funds from parishioners, to transfer the funds to the Bryan ISD Foundation quarterly and to provide an annual accounting to the Vestry and parish. Lewis Ford coordinates all other details of the St. Andrew's Scholars program.

Contributions to the fund totaled \$8,500 in 2006, \$11,500 in 2007, \$7,421 in 2008 and \$13,770 during 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Etter

Treasurer

| Treasurer's Report | | | |
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| St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Bryan, Texas | | | |
| For the year ending December 31, 2009 | | | |
| | 2009 | Approved | |
| | Actual | 2009 Budget | 2010 Budget |
| Beginning Balance (all funds) | 172,534.04 | | |
| Total General Fund Receipts | 459,982.06 | 493,081 | 430,938 |
| Total General Fund Disbursements | 475,233.70 | 491,781 | 427,441 |
| General Fund Surplus/Deficit | (15,251.64) | 1,300 | 3,497 |
| FNMA 4 1/2% Bonds (Unrealized Gain or Loss) | (50.40) | | |
| GE Capital 5.40% Bonds (Unrealized Gain or Loss) | 3,038.56 | | |
| Less Prepaid 2009 Pledges | (19,134.95) | | |
| Plus Prepaid 2010 Pledges | 28,366.11 | | |
| Total Other Receipts | 271,400.75 | | |
| Total Other Disbursements | (162,127.54) | | |
| Other Receipts and Disbursements (Net) | 109,273.21 | | |
| Ending Balance (all funds) | 278,774.93 | | |
| | 2009 | Approved | |
| | Actual | 2009 Budget | 2010 Budget |
| General Fund Receipts | | | |
| Plate Offering | 8,034.93 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Member Contributions | 408,164.00 | 450,231 | 404,638 |
| Special Offerings, Designated | 9,400.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Gilbert and Thyra Plass Charitable Trust | 15,000.00 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Bishop Quin Foundation | 15,000.00 | 15,000 | 0 |
| Investment Income, Oil Royalties | 53.98 | 100 | 50 |
| Investment Income, UBS Business Services | 3,597.02 | 3,650 | 3,750 |
| Thyra Plass/St. Andrew's Charitable Fund | 1,623.00 | 1,600 | 0 |
| Weddings/Church Use Fees | 1,621.17 | 0 | 0 |
| E-Pay Giving Loss | (865.73) | 0 | 0 |
| Donated Stock (Realized Gain or Loss) | (1,646.31) | 0 | 0 |
| Total General Fund Receipts | 459,982.06 | 493,081 | 430,938 |

| Budgeted Disbursements | | | |
|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | |
| Mission Expense | | | |
| | 2009 | Approved | |
| | Actual | 2009 Budget | 2010 Budget |
| Outreach Expense | | | |
| Missionary Commitment | 24,000.00 | 24,000 | 5,000 |
| Local Outreach | 1,664.70 | 1,600 | 0 |
| Bishop's Discretionary Fund | 0.00 | 450 | 450 |
| Seminary of the Southwest | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Food Pantry | 360.00 | 360 | 360 |
| Total Outreach Expense | 27,024.70 | 27,410 | 6,810 |
| | | | |
| Christian Formation Expense | | | |
| Sunday School Program | 710.48 | 2,100 | 1,000 |
| Children's Chapel | 10.00 | 150 | 25 |
| Vacation Bible School | 971.78 | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Special Programs | 0.00 | 100 | 100 |
| Supplies | 90.64 | 300 | 200 |
| Christian Education Equipment | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Adult Forum Program | 0.00 | 100 | 100 |
| Adult Lenten, Summer & Advent Programs | 500.00 | 500 | 1,000 |
| Devotional and Seasonal Materials | 552.50 | 750 | 750 |
| Total Christian Education Expense | 2,835.40 | 6,000 | 4,175 |
| | | | |
| Other Program Expense | | | |
| ECW Program | 612.00 | 0 | 650 |
| ECW Bereavement Program | 59.25 | 500 | 500 |
| Men's Ministry | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Daughters of the King | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior Youth Program Grades 4-6) | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth Program (Grades 4-12) | 2,303.92 | 6,050 | 5,185 |
| Youth Ministry Interns | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth Program (Equipment) | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Young Adults | 926.16 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Stewardship | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Newcomers | 129.13 | 750 | 250 |
| Greeters | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Ushers | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Card Committee | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Archive Committee | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Library Supplies | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Vestry Expenses | 32.00 | 350 | 0 |
| | | | |
| Acolyte Supplies | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Altar Supplies | 1,574.49 | 1,500 | 1,600 |
| Layreader Supplies | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | |
| Music Programs | 923.85 | 1,600 | 1,000 |
| Choir Scholarships | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | |
| Church Social Program Supplies | 1,459.46 | 2,700 | 2,000 |
| Special Program Supplies | 21.36 | 500 | 0 |
| Kitchen Supplies | 1,140.54 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Total Other Program Expense | 9,182.16 | 16,150 | 12,385 |
| | | | |
| Total Mission Expense | 39,042.26 | 49,560 | 23,370 |

| Administration Expense | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2009 | Approved | |
| | Actual | 2009 Budget | 2010 Budget |
| Diocesan Expense | | | |
| Diocesan Assessment | 55,639.00 | 55,639 | 56,829 |
| Diocesan Council | 660.00 | 600 | 700 |
| Diocesan Conferences | 225.93 | 1,500 | 0 |
| Total Diocesan Expense | 56,524.93 | 57,739 | 57,529 |
| | | | |
| Office and Communication Expense | | | |
| | | | |
| Advertising | 1,317.61 | 1,520 | 1,500 |
| Black and White Copy Charges | 1,092.62 | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| Color Copying Charges | 490.73 | 700 | 500 |
| Internet Access & Web Page Fees | 2,245.12 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Sunday Bulletin & Angler Paper | 1,963.15 | 1,400 | 1,600 |
| Total Communication Expense | 7,109.23 | 6,620 | 6,100 |
| | | | |
| Bookkeeping Supplies & Bank Charges | 783.03 | 1,600 | 900 |
| Copier Lease Payments | 6,251.28 | 6,500 | 6,780 |
| Office Equipment/Software/Maintenance | 1,651.01 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| New Equipment (Two computers) | 2,089.81 | 2,400 | 0 |
| Office Supplies | 1,469.09 | 2,500 | 1,500 |
| Postage | 1,058.91 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Telephone | 4,266.02 | 5,500 | 4,500 |
| Total Office Expense | 17,569.15 | 20,700 | 15,880 |
| | | | |
| Employee Expense | | | |
| Rector (Stipend & Housing Allowance) | 72,842.40 | 72,842 | 72,842 |
| Rector (Pension Premium) | 13,111.56 | 13,112 | 13,112 |
| Rector (Disability & Life Insurance) | 3,773.00 | 3,768 | 3,768 |
| Rector (Expense Account) | 230.63 | 600 | 600 |
| Rector (Discretionary Fund) | 1,200.00 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Assisting Clergy | 1,546.90 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Parish Secretary | 23,600.08 | 23,300 | 23,300 |
| Parish Bookkeeper | 17,491.20 | 17,491 | 17,491 |
| Music Director | 32,686.08 | 32,686 | 32,686 |
| Organist/Choir Director (Pension Premium) | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Substitute Organist | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Communications Director | 25,000.08 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Christian Formation Director | 14,748.51 | 15,172 | 1,264 |
| Assistant Christian Formation Director | 10,300.08 | 10,300 | 10,300 |
| Youth Program Director | 33,755.04 | 33,755 | 33,755 |
| Sexton | 3,532.70 | 4,102 | 4,102 |
| Nursery Attendants | 5,708.77 | 6,767 | 6,767 |
| Staff Social Security & Medicare Tax | 12,556.35 | 12,689 | 11,625 |
| Background Screening | 233.00 | 200 | 200 |
| Total Employee Expense | 272,316.38 | 274,784 | 259,812 |
| | | | |
| Total Administration Expense | 353,519.69 | 359,843 | 339,321 |

| Property Expense | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2009 | Approved | |
| | Actual | 2009Budget | 2010 Budget |
| Utilities | 18,460.89 | 18,000 | 18,500 |
| Insurance | 12,072.71 | 14,250 | 14,250 |
| Mortgage Payments | 34,460.74 | 34,128 | 16,000 |
| Repairs & Minor Improvements | 2,622.25 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Maintenance Contracts | 9,481.25 | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| Total Property Expense | 77,097.84 | 82,378 | 64,750 |
| Special Offerings, Designated Expenditures | 5,363.91 | 0 | 0 |
| Unbudgeted Expenses | | | |
| Mission | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Administration | 210.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Property | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Unbudgeted Expenses | 210.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Total General Fund Disbursements | 475,233.70 | 491,781 | 427,441 |
| Restricted Funds as of December 31, 2009 | | | |
| Altar Flower Fund | 3,727.68 | | |
| Angel Tree Fund | 865.00 | | |
| Bob Cherry Camp Allen Scholarship Fund | 297.42 | | |
| Brotherhood of St. Andrew Fund | 273.25 | | |
| Capital Campaign Advisor Fund | 8,000.00 | | |
| Capital Campaign Fund | 102,878.44 | | |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 2,526.38 | | |
| Christine Ballard Music Fund | 3,299.00 | | |
| Columbarium Fund | 406.20 | | |
| GE Capital 5.40% Bonds | 83,024.48 | | |
| Hand Bell Fund | 722.16 | | |
| Hospitality Ministry Fund | (87.53) | | |
| Landscape Maintenance Fund | 4,153.38 | | |
| Memorial Fund | 20,834.05 | | |
| Progressive Dinner Fund | 147.16 | | |
| Rector's Discretionary Fund | 2,025.92 | | |
| St. Andrew's Scholars Fund | 100.00 | | |
| Young Adults Fund | 225.00 | | |
| Youth Program Fund | 4,149.63 | | |
| Total Restricted Funds | 237,567.62 | | |
| Brazos Community Foundation as of October 31, 2009 | | | |
| There Plass/St. Andrew's Charitable Fund | 46,050.36 | | |
| Bob Cherry Youth Fund for St. Andrew's | 7,994.75 | | |

UNITED THANK OFFERING

St. Andrew's Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering was \$830.03 and the Fall Ingathering was \$543.64, for a total of \$1,373.67 in 2009. This money will go back into the world through grants that will improve the quality of life for many people and that is a good thing. But before a UTO grant can be given, before an offering can be collected, there has to be a prayer of thanksgiving. Each coin placed in a blue box is the outward, visible sign of a very personal conversation with God, giving thanks for blessings received from Him, not asking for more. And that is truly a good thing.

WELCOME TEAM

The Welcome Team goal is to help visitors or newcomers feel right at home at St. Andrew's, whether they have attended once or several times.

We started out the 2009 year with a February Spring Welcome Lunch. Several new families attended, and current vestry members and parishioners visited at the lunch. The lunches begin with a tour led by Fr. Sean, followed by lunch and introductions to help visitors become acquainted with our ministries and programs.

Our bread deliverers continue to deliver goodies to newcomers' homes after they have visited St. Andrew's. Thanks go to Jeannie Searcy, Adrienne Frieda, Linda Ford and Melanie Fielder who help deliver the welcome bags.

Additionally, throughout the year we mail special postcards and invitations to our special events such as Lenten and Holy Week events, VBS, ice cream socials and other fellowship events.

We distributed St. Andrew's brochures to the La Salle hotel and at the Bryan Visitor Bureau, which is a wonderful place to share our Sunday services and programs to those browsing in the downtown community. Welcome packets were also available during the June and November Art Step – where more than 150 visitors come through our doors to view the art exhibits, window tour and attend the music concert.

We encourage members of the Parish to join our welcome group at any time during the year, we meet approximately one time a month, at Katie and Fr. Sean's house. We have many opportunities to help, even if you cannot attend the meetings, such as baking or delivering bread, helping make phone calls to visitors, and helping set up for the welcome lunches. We always welcome new ideas and participation... please contact Alison Sawyer for more information, 690-8966.

Alison Sawyer, Welcome Team Coordinator

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

St. Andrew's Youth and Young Adult Ministries provide young people opportunities to grow in their faith as part of a community as they participate in worship, ministry, fellowship, discipleship and evangelism through bible studies, games, activities, road trips, and service projects. A ministry team works together to plan and implement a broad based youth program where we learn, play, serve and have fun as we grow in our relationships with God and each other.

The regular schedule:

PB&J is the Wednesday evening program for junior high and high school ages combining unstructured time for homework, games, and hanging out, with structured program and worship time. There are overnight events or a major weekend Youth Group activity nearly every month either locally or as part of a diocesan event. Involvement in diocesan events is highly supported and encouraged. These include: Happening for students in grades 10-12, and Y.E.S. (Youth Encounter Spirit) for grades 7-9 occurring each January, April, August, and November; Intermediate Retreat for grades 4-6 and the Junior High Retreat (6-8) in February; and Mid-winter Retreat for grades 9-12 in December. Typically, each March we have an annual Spring Break youth retreat which was in the Arkansas Ozark Mountains in 2009. June, July, and August each have big events including Vacation Bible School, Christian Leadership Conference, (CLC) and Summer Camp. This year at CLC three of our students were selected for leadership positions; Taylor Bonnet, Design Team Representative; Sarah Jones, Communications Officer; and Susannah Jones, Youth Lay Director and all represent St. Andrew's well. Rising 6th graders were welcomed along with new college age sponsors and good byes were said to a graduating college friend, Matt Blank as well. Matt not only graduated but is now the Youth Minister at St. Mark's in Houston.

Major Youth Group events of 2009: In addition to the regular activities, the Youth Group actively supported the parish outreach through cake decorating for the annual cake auction; went on the Spring Break Road Trip the Ozarks; had movie days, a pool party and a fast food progressive dinner. They led an Easter Egg Hunt; supported Vacation Bible School; sponsored the Episcopal Night at Minute Maid Park Baseball Trip; had lock-ins; provided a safe place for trick or treaters and raised food for the Church Food Pantry at St. Andrew'sville; and had a Christmas party for all ages. In addition, the youth supported an ecumenical local outreach project, "What's Your Mission?" with both participants and the leadership team involvement of Gretchen Vilas and John Pownall.

Sponsor activities: included attending the Diocesan Spring Youth Worker's Conference in the spring; cheering for our kids at numerous concerts and sporting events, and planning activities and programs for our young people throughout the year.

Jr. Youth Group: Although we did not have an active group for students in grades 4-6 they were included in several of our special projects and activities As our parish children grow, this will become a more visible and active part of the ministry in the future.

Young Adults: “Gateway”, the weekly young adult bible study group continues to grow in size, commitment and activity. In addition to a spring picnic, fall retreat, and end of semester Christmas Party, this group is the driving force behind the regular Sunday evening worship service, “Downtown Worship”.

Future plans: Continued focus on teaching and preaching the gospel through our regular weekly programs and diocesan events; opportunities for Young Adult activities and community growth; and a continued effort of simplification of family weekend schedule overloads by careful calendar planning.

There are not sufficient words to properly say thank you to the parents, sponsors, vestry, clergy, staff, and parishioners here at St. Andrews for their continued support of ministry to young people.

Mike Mullen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

St. Andrew's Mission Statement

Our mission is to know Christ and make Him known.

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