

# 2009 Annual Report

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## St. David's Episcopal Church



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to love and serve God through worship, outreach and love for all.

### St. David's Vestry

Simone Charter-Harris	2008-2010	Richard Pina	2009-2011
Steve Ernst	2008-2010	Carole Porter	2009-2011
Carolyn McClintock	2008-2010	Charles Greening	2010-2012
Don Taylor	2008-2010	Joan Elkins	2010-2012
Janeanne Jones	2009-2011	Beverly Roberts	2010-2012
Jennifer Gilpin	2009-2011	Manju Freeman	2010-2012

Senior Warden: Simone Charter-Harris  
Junior Warden: Steve Ernst  
Treasurer: Jim Berwick  
Secretary: Janet Ivinson

### Vestry Commissions

#### Administration Commission:

Carole Porter, Chair  
Carolyn Holliday-McClintock  
Joan Elkins  
Richard Pina

#### Property Commission

Steve Ernst, Ernst  
Chuck Greening  
Don Taylor  
Manju Freeman

#### Finance Commission:

Simone Charter-Harris, Chair  
Janeanne Jones  
Beverly Roberts  
Jennifer Gilpin

St. David's Episcopal Church  
January 31, 2010  
57th Annual Parish Meeting  
Southfield, MI

AGENDA

Call to Order - Fr. Chris

Opening Prayer

Appointments:

Secretary: John Hawkes

Parliamentarian: Len Sackett/Steve Ernst

Validation: Mike White

Acceptance of Minutes of 56th Annual Meeting, January, 2009

Certificate of quorum (25 qualified voters present)

Introduction of Staff

Fr. Chris Yaw

Introduction of Vestry Members

Outgoing Sr. Warden -Maureen Mahar

Resolution to Change Selection Procedure for Vestry Secretary (see page 12)  
Simone Charter Harris

Reports:

Senior Warden - Simone Charter-Harris

Junior Warden - Steve Ernst

Finance and Budget - Jim Berwick/Simone Charter-Harris

Year in Review and the Year Ahead!

Fr. Chris Yaw and Simone Charter-Harris

Letters of Greetings :

Fr. Chris Yaw

To: Pastor Nancy Turner-Jones

Father Don Duford

Father and Mrs. Gary Callahan

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT  
January, 2009

What a wonderful year of growth, newness and renewal here at St. Davids'!

Most invigorating has been you - and your commitment to our parish. In the Spring we celebrated our biggest Easter Sunday in more than a decade (226 people at our main 10am service). In November we welcomed 30 new members. And Christmas brought us similar record numbers as we ended the year with double digit attendance increases over the previous twelve months.

Let's face, it we have a renewed energy and spirit in our wonderful church and people are attracted to the Christ in us that is so readily apparent in our worship, service and love for one another. I see Christ's love so obviously on the faces, in the voices, and in the many wonderful things that go on around here. It's the hugs, the handshakes (especially Deacon Al's) and the 'How you doing?'s. And this year we took new strides in getting to know and serve Christ together.

Your Vestry set, and accomplished its three goals for 2009; to publish a parish directory, to seat and listen to a group of young people reflect upon our church in an effort to bolster our membership among that age group, and to start at least 3 small groups.

In addition, this year we jump-started a long-time St. David's tradition by beginning anew a Children's Choir! We helped plug people in with a new website, a weekly E-News (if you'd like to receive this simply email the church office) and the directory we published was full-color parish. We started a monthly 'Blood Pressure Sunday' - talk about taking the pulse of the parish... We spearheaded an effort to send 70 Prayer Books to Haiti. We started four 'Come and Grow' small groups. We began a 9am Book Discussion Group. We dedicated a new bookstore, launched Kid's Night Out, First Friday Family BBQs in the summer as well as celebrated 5 Friday evening Taize worship services. Our quilters held their biennial show and logged their highest attendance ever. We dedicated a Community Garden, brought more young people to the Diocesan Acolyte Festival than any other parish, and started a Rite 13 (Jr. High) student group. We ended the year by opening our doors to the community with a St. Nicholas Day concert by the Oakland Choral Society, bringing in more than 150 fans of Handel's Messiah. And did I mention we got a new roof?

Of course, none of this reflects the beehive of activity around our regular activities, like the South Oakland Shelter (SOS), the Christian Service Brigade (CSB), the Daughters of the King, J2A, Church School, Open Hands food pantry, Welcome Inn, Order of St. Luke's, Mitten Tree, Thanksgiving Baskets, Crossroads soup kitchen and monthly worship at the Detroit Rescue Mission.

And the year ahead is poised to bring us even more newness and energy as we welcome Royal Oak's Cub Scout Pack 1628 as their formal sponsors! Your new Vestry is looking forward to working together as we endeavor to listen to the

Lord's voice and find ways to share our love with our community.  
At our Vestry Retreat earlier this month your leadership decided on the following goals for 2010:

- Increase aid to and awareness of Haiti in our community
- Author a Strategic Plan
- Increase parish participation, communication and ownership Plan and execute a local, hands-on service project.

These goals reflect the aspect of service which is at the heart of our parish. They also betray our desire to become even better organized, and even wiser stewards of the many gifts we've been given.

Now, in my third year as your rector, I have found myself thinking time and again what a pleasure it is to be with you. Natalie and I have had an especially memorable year, welcoming the birth of our son James, along with the incumbent baby shower, gifts, and December 27 baptism. We cannot thank you enough for your amazing generosity, continued kindness and deep, deep love for us, be assured it is reciprocal!

May Christ and his love continue to guide all that we do as a parish family this year!

Fr. Chris Yaw  
Rector

FIVE YEAR COMPARATIVE PARISH STATISTICS

<b>AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTEN- DANCE 8AM/10AM</b>	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	9/131	8/118	8/106	11/117	13/112
<b>Total/Percentage change over previous yr</b>	10%+	10.5%+	11%-	2.4%+	2.4%+
<b>SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST</b>					
Sunday	104	106	102	110	107
Weekday	53	62	70	76	70
Home Communion	200	69	22	40	41
<b>TOTAL EUCHARIST</b>	357	237	194	226	218
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>	10,348	8581	8869	8854	8447
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE</b>	7,440	6446	6251	7356	7191
<b>HOLY BAPTISM</b>					
ADULT	0	1	0	2	0
CHILDREN	8	16	5	5	0
MARRIAGES	2	1	0	1	2
BURIALS	7	14	5	0	5
<b>COMMUNICANT REPORT</b>					
Last Report	339	401	379	375	385
Added by Baptist	8	17			
Added by Confirmation	4	0	15	6	0
Added by Transfer	31	5	0	10	8
Lost by Death	7	-8	-5	0	-1
Lost by Transfer/New Members	1	-1	-2	-2	-1
Removed from Active List	0	-76	0	-10	-15
<b>TOTAL COMMUNICANTS</b>	390	339	388	379	375
As of December 31, 2009					

Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
St. David's Episcopal Church Southfield, Michigan  
January 25, 2009

Following a potluck brunch filled with many delicious items, the meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Maureen Mahar, Senior Warden.

Carolynn Johnson led everyone in an opening prayer. Father Chris Yaw followed with a Prayer for Members who Departed this life in 2008: Charles Pohlman, James Ellison, Frances Marjory Ackerman, Robert Ruhl, Ellen U'ren, Clarence Pinson, Ed Hill and Maury Stafford.

Maureen Mahar appointed John Hawkes as Secretary of the Annual Meeting, Len Sackett as Parliamentarian and Mike White for Validation. Mike certified that there was a quorum present for the meeting.

Julie Wagner made a motion to accept the minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting as presented in the 2008 Annual Report. Manju Freeman seconded.

Kathleen Berwick said that she would like to see a list of how many returning parishioners pledged for 2009, how many new parishioners are giving and how many families are not giving. Father Chris said that the pledge breakdown for 2009 is still under development, as five more pledges had come in just this week. He said this information will be compiled and released in a future issue of the newsletter.

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

Barb Veselenak presented a check from the Scrip office for \$3000, for the parish to use as the vestry sees fit. Father Chris indicated that as in previous years, 50% of this amount will go towards the operating budget; 25% into outreach; and 25% to fund youth activities.

Father Chris took a few moments for staff introductions. LaRhonda Harrell was introduced as our child care director; Audrey Gulley as our Parish Administrator, who, among other duties is printing, collating and updating our parish membership roster; and Chris Urbiel, as our Choir director and Organist.

Maureen Mahar introduced the Vestry members for 2009: Carole Porter, Carolyn McClintock, Mary Spinney, Simone Charter-Harris, Janeanne Jones, Dorcas Mullins, Jennifer Gilpin, Steve Ernst (Junior Warden), Richard Pina, John Floyd and Barbara Veselenak. Jim Berwick will once again serve as our Treasurer, and Elvia Jonespenick as Secretary.

Len Sackett reviewed the 2008 Senior Warden's report on page 11 of the Annual Report.

Steve Ernst outlined the 2008 Junior Warden's report on page 12-13. He said the major accomplishment for 2008 was the installation of the new sign on the front property and thanked the donor who provided the majority of the funds for the sign.

Jim Berwick reviewed the Finance and Budget report. He noted that in 2008, we made "an investment of over \$19,000 in the future of St. David's." What he really meant was that we spent more than we took in. But, he added, that "we have the best rector and choirmaster in the diocese." He noted that the deficit budget projected for 2009 is to be \$14,413, but that this is a step in the right direction and that hopefully by next year, we can eliminate the deficit budgets. Jim was thanked for his tireless efforts as Treasurer.

Father Chris used the rector's annual address as an opportunity to present a review of 2008 and a vision for 2009. In a style similar to that of his days in broadcast journalism, he called Deacon Al Corner's retirement as the biggest "story" of the year. He stated that there were 17 baptisms, 14 funerals and one wedding at St. David's in 2008.

Father Chris began a power point slide show by showing graphs depicting our average Sunday attendance for both services since 2000. They indicated that attendance totals for both Sunday services has returned to the levels that were achieved in 2000 and 2001. Attendance for the 8:00 service is falling, however.

Father Chris introduced several "new" services to St. David's during 2008 including a Thanksgiving Day one, a kids' Good Friday service and a Christmas service for Iraq. In addition, Taize worship services were held that attracted many visitors from other parishes in addition to our own parishioners. We hope to have the kids choir ready for the Taize service in March, Father Chris said.

St. David's was very involved in outreach during 2008. We renewed many traditions of the past in this area while also beginning some new ones. These included: Haiti Outreach Dinner---attracted 120 people and raised \$6800.

Habitat For Humanity---organized by Bob Losey.

Welcome Inn---organized by Carole Porter.

Detroit Rescue Mission---worshipping with 75-100 homeless men once a month.

St. Anne's Mead Sunday---Christmas caroling at the Mead.

Crossroads---working with St. John's, Plymouth, to feed the homeless four times a year.

Madagascar---Missionary patsy McGregor visited St. David's to update us.

Open Hands Pantry---monthly food offering Sundays collecting five bags of food per month, on average.

South Oakland Shelter---coordinated by Joann Sackett. We hosted 30 homeless people.

It was noted that we had more acolyte participation in 2008 as we now have teams with youth and adults on them. Thanks to Carolyn McClintock for her assistance.

The Daughters of the King, organized by Carolynn Johnson were acknowledged for their food box preparations, prayer telephone calls and Blessing of the Shawls. Father Chris said that our growth has experienced a boost from Evangelism and newcomer welcoming areas. At our Welcome Sunday last September, more than a dozen new families joined the congregation.

The church's Social life continues to prosper with First Friday feasts, the annual children's Halloween party, Cultural Sunday, Camp Chickagami, and Creation Sunday activities.

It was noted that the Vestry format had changed in 2008 with the formation of three four-person Commission committees. We also instituted parish visioning to help with a direction for St. David's future.

Our communications were improved in 2008 via an enhanced website, a new logo (the dove), two new publications (the "St. David's Quarterly," and "Getting Involved at St. David's"), an updated directory and, of course, our new sign in front of the church.

Father Chris noted several ideas for 2009. Among them: a weekly e-newsletter, a new website, a renewed children's choir, Vacation Bible School in conjunction with Nativity and St. James churches, and the possibility of sponsoring our own Boy Scout troop.

The vestry has set several goals for 2009:

1) To establish and implement a committee charged with listening to the voices of our young people, asking them why they don't attend church and of their church experience.

2) Produce a photo directory.

3) Increase in Discipleship by establishing at least four small groups for adults to meet regularly, to grow together in Christ.

On this last point, Father Chris elaborated that "we believe St. David's should be a place for all to grow in Christ." He added that we are forming small groups based on what we need to do to grow in Christ in 2009. Some of the questions to be examined:

1) What do you need to be a more faithful Christian this year or to deepen your life in Christ?

2) What are you willing to commit to doing serious study about?

Julie Wagner suggested that we form a singles group to discuss how to grow in Christ and to cope with the singles' lifestyle.

Kitty Kenning made a motion to accept the four reports (Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Finance and Budget, and the Rector's). Joann Sackett seconded. The motion passed.

Maureen Mahar said that she would like to recommend that St. David's send letters of greeting to five of our past rectors. Manju Freeman made a motion of such. Jim Cloutier seconded. The motion passed.

Father Chris offered a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Hawkes

By-Law Amendment Resolution  
St. David's Episcopal Church  
Annual Meeting  
January 31, 2010-01-24

Sponsor: Vestry

The St. David's Vestry moves to modify the Vestry election procedure to change Article VI, Section 2, which currently reads:

*The first runner-up in the vote for Vestry shall be asked to serve as Secretary of the Vestry for a one year term and shall succeed to any vacancy on the Vestry which may occur during that year. Should this person refuse the office of Secretary, this office shall be filled at the discretion of the Vestry by a majority vote.*

To read:

*The Position of Vestry Secretary will be filed by a separate election (conducted at the same time as the Vestry election) of a candidate that is willing and able to fulfill the duties of secretary as listed in the Vestry Secretary job description as defined in Article II, Section 5*

Senior Warden Report 2009

Over the past year, a great deal has been accomplished here at St. David's. From top to bottom there has been something going on. It was a growing year for us and we have many new faces in the pews.

The Parish Council met four times over the course of 2009 and, during those meetings, leaders of our various groups provided insight into their activities and worked together to create a calendar filled with events, activities and outreach. It has been decided that the Parish Council will meet only three times in 2010 as the formative years have created a strong enough foundation for business to be carried out with fewer meetings. The number of people required to attend the meetings has also been reduced as numerous events and activities are consolidated into one presentation. The meetings were effective and efficient and will continue to provide the organizational foundation for all of St. David's activities

The Vestry met each month (except July) with a quorum at each meeting. Business was conducted in an efficient and effective manner, with most meetings lasting about an hour followed by an hour of 'vestry visioning'. Vestry visioning was a time of learning, introspection and team-building over the course of the year. Most meetings were adjourned in a timely fashion, allowing vestry members to be more effective in their efforts.

Instead of a July meeting, the vestry was invited to the Cathedral for a tour and cook-out which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Vestry visioning sessions consisted of visitors such as Rev. Lisa Gray, Canon of the Ordinary, Roy Watson of Welcome Inn, John Adams of Southfield Parks and Garden Club, Dr. Jeanne Ward-Audiologist to discuss hearing impairments and workable solutions to issues faced by those with this difficulty, young people from the church to discuss what they are seeking in a church or Christian experience, and Bruce Davis of the Boy Scouts.

These visitors provided insight into various issues facing our parish as well as opened up opportunities for growth.

During 2009 the Vestry voted to replace the roof as well as enter into an agreement with the Southfield Parks and Gardens Club to create a community garden that will provide fresh vegetables for Forgotten Harvest. We also formally instituted a mission statement as agreed upon by the congregation. The goals set at the Vestry Retreat in January were met including; creating small groups, creating a photo directory and exploring the interests and needs of young people in order to encourage growth within St. David's in that area.

One vestry member chose to leave the vestry before her term was expired which then required seating five new members to the vestry for the coming year. Fortunately, five individuals were moved to support our efforts and volunteered to serve. A full vestry will serve in the coming term.

Personally, my year as Senior Warden was rewarding and educational. The support of everyone on the vestry and within the congregation was incredible. Serving as a delegate to the convention was also a learning experience. I was very proud to represent St. David's and appreciate that opportunity. Learning the busi-ness of running the church from the Senior Warden's perspective makes me appreciate even more all those that have gone before me. Our new Senior Warden will do a great job and I will support her in all of her efforts to the best of my ability.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mahar  
Senior Warden 2009

## JUNIOR WARDEN ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

Even though I've been Junior Warden once before, this year was still fascinating, educational, and rewarding - roof replacement and repair was not particularly difficult, just a few more items to think about than a house roof and correspondingly more time consuming.

While many may consider the Junior Warden position a bit overwhelming, it is very rewarding because of the number of parishioners that are willing to help.

The Hammer & Nail Club is the major group of helpers and are responsible for keeping our routine maintenance costs low (replace light bulbs, repair/replace switches, outlets, and light fixtures, minor plumbing repairs, etc.). All are welcome to join us - just come on Wednesday mornings at 9am for a couple of hours or so with a coffee break. The items completed this year by the 'Hammer & Nail Club' are listed at the end of this report. Many 'thanks' are in order to them.

Projects completed this year:

- Roof replacement and repair;
- Corner Fellowship Hall was stripped and re-waxed;
- Add signs identifying our Memorial Garden;
- Install air conditioning unit in Nursery;
- Called commercial pest control company to eliminate stinging insect nests in Memorial Garden wall and over exterior doors;
- Called Detroit Edison to replace bulb in parking lot west light fixture;
- Added the Music Director's PC to the church network;
- Replace cracked glass panes in plain glass windows;
- Called Air Master Heating & Cooling to replace coupling for hot water circulating pump motor (which handles south side of building) and replace pump motor relay (which handles north side of building);
- Repair wireless microphone.

Future projects:

- Audio system upgrade/replacement - our sanctuary sound system is 30+ years old and needs an upgrade to provide (a) additional hearing impaired units (we only have four), and (b) better sound distribution throughout the sanctuary. We have applied for a UTO grant to pay for this upgrade and add a visual aid capability for the sanctuary.
- Exterior Sign Landscaping
- Exterior Building Lighting - add additional units (we only have one light lighting our church) - estimated cost approximately \$500.
- Exterior Security Lighting - we need to update the lighting by our doors and walkways.
- Peoples Window lighting - we need to upgrade current units to more energy and cost effective units.
- Develop landscaping plan for church property.
- Sanctuary air conditioning - three estimates were received averaging

\$47,000 for replacing the existing roof units (the cost to eliminate the roof mounted units completely and use wall mounted units was estimated at \$73,000). This project is still on hold for funding.

The completed items listed in this report are the ones known to me. I know that others have completed other jobs just because they needed to be done for the good of OUR church. To them, a sincere THANK YOU.

Steve Ernst  
2009 Junior Warden

Hammer & Nail Club Members:

Joe Bair, Dick Boyes, Jim Cloutier, Bob Damery, Steve Ernst, John Floyd, Dick Leith, Len Sackett, and Mike White.

Hammer & Nail Club Project List:

- Inside projects:
  - Replace worn or broken wall outlets and switches,
  - Repair pew kneelers,
  - Repair pew candle brackets,
  - Repair Hymn display boards,
  - Build & install pledge card display rack,
  - Add lighting for south wall in Narthex,
  - Mount photos / plaques / bulletin boards / display boards / etc,
  - Replace Men's room door closer,
  - Replace carpet threshold strips,
  - Installed base molding in Unisex restroom,
  - Assist Altar Guild (Thanksgiving, Christmas roping & wreaths & trees, Easter banner, draping for hanging cross, etc.),
  - Vacuum pew cushions,
  - Assemble boxes for Thanksgiving food.
- Outside projects:
  - Tree, plant, & lawn care (fertilize, trim tree branches & bushes, mow lawn, rake leaves as needed)
  - Routine maintenance of automatic watering systems,
  - Routine maintenance of lawn equipment.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is made up of ALL parish organizations. The breadth goes from the Altar Guild to the youth groups to the women's guilds to the Church School. The Council meets 3-4 times per year as needed and each group shares their plans for the near future. This sharing encourages more interaction between the groups and in some cases mutual support between organizations can develop around an activity. The general effect is to increase the effectiveness of all parish organizations and thereby St. David's effectiveness as a whole as well.

Maureen Mahar  
2009 Chair

## ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION REPORT 2009

The Administration Commission shall oversee the review, updating and construction of policies, legal concerns, contracts, insurance, bonding, By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, long-range planning, and personnel/human resources for the Parish. Advice and service support for other committees/commissions is encouraged in areas of organization, planning, time-lines and other administrative formats.

The Administration Commission met each month and worked on a variety of issues.

**Contracts:** All contract formats were reviewed for language and appropriate terms and restructured accordingly. Existing contracts with those using the parish facilities were re-created and new contracts were signed with existing members of those organizations. Contact information was updated for all organizations.

The contract for the community garden was reviewed/edited and signed so work could begin for a spring planting.

**Job Descriptions:** The job description for the vestry clerk/secretary was reviewed and Canon Law and By-laws reviewed to determine appropriate language and responsibilities for the position. A new job description was drafted and approved by the vestry.

**Safe-Guarding God's People:** The history and requirements of this program were reviewed and a list of those needing to update their training is being developed. Some members updated their training, and others will do so.

**Membership Rolls:** The membership rolls were updated using more streamlined membership designations. We will continue to use these designations to keep the records current and the Administration Commission will make it part of their annual activities to maintain these records.

**Photo Directory:** Photos were taken and added to the updated membership rolls. The directory was produced and made available to the parish on January 10, 2010.

**Strategic Planning:** Each commission will be supported in its creation of a strategic plan as it relates to their function as well as to the goals of the church as a whole.

**Future Activities:** The Administration will create a calendar of activities for which this commission will be responsible as well as a time-line for those events that will take place on an annual (or bi-annual) basis. Future commissions will continue to evolve as needs require.

It was a pleasure to work on this commission and those involved worked very hard to make sure that the responsibilities were met and will continue moving forward with efforts to continually improve operations of St. David's.

Respectfully Submitted, Maureen Mahar

## ACOLYTES ANNUAL REPORT 2009

For almost 2000 years there have been persons, called acolytes who have assisted the priest in worship Services. The term acolyte comes from the Greek word, **akolouthos**, which means "follower" or "attendant." At St. David's, we uphold the tradition of having acolytes, both youths and adults; male and female. Becoming an acolyte is one of the best ways to understand the traditions of our faith. It expands our knowledge of how and why we do things in our church. It is an excellent way for young people to learn while doing. All acolytes serve on a team headed by an experienced acolyte. At present we have four teams of acolytes.

This year we have had two training sessions as we learn more about our rich heritage as Episcopalians. Last fall we have participated in the Diocese of Michigan Acolyte Festival at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, in Detroit.

There have been two resignations, Julie Wagner (who has agreed to serve as a substitute) and Kachi Amanze. We also have one new member, Makayla Johnson, who is also experienced in flying the dove at special Services.

One of our goals for the coming year is to send a delegation to the 31 Annual National Acolyte Festival at the national Cathedral in our nation's capital. We look forward to the support of our church as we try to raise funds for this endeavor.

We welcome all who feel the call to serve Christ in His church by becoming an acolyte. Please speak to Father Chris, Carolyn Holliday-McClintock or Carolyn Johnson. We would love to have you join us.

Carolyn Holliday-McClintock, Director

## ADULT EDUCATION

It was a year to “Come and Grow” at St. David’s. There were many opportunities for learning and growth at St. David’s during 2009 including adult forums, Lenten evening programs, Bible study classes, book discussion and small group discussion meetings.

### **Adult Forums**

At forums presented after our Sunday morning worship services this past year, we were introduced to a wide variety of topics. Speakers included Fr. Chris and parish musician Chris Urbiel, guest speakers and some of our own parish members. Fr. Chris and Chris Urbiel introduced the seasons of Lent, Advent and the basics of sung worship. Other topics included stress management, Southfield-style architecture, and the 2009 Haiti Mission Trip. We learned about the DPTV network from Chief Operating Officer Dan Alpert; we heard an inspiring message from “Survivor” contestant Mike Skupin about how he found God; and we viewed a beautiful DIA presentation “Picturing the Birth of Christ. We learned how to make prayer beads, made Valentines for our neighbors at St. Anne’s Mead, and enjoyed learning about Christmas in our various cultures. We dedicated our new garden, learned about our newly dedicated bookstore, and much more! For a complete list of all of the forums, please see the 2009 Happenings booklets.

The forum planning team meets twice a year, and with Fr. Chris’ help and guidance, we plan forums for about six months at a time. Adult Forum planning team members in 2009 included Susan Brooks, Edna Buday, Manju Freeman, Julia Huttar-Bailey, Carolynn Johnson, Jane Johnson, Elvia Jonespenick, Phyllis Leith, Jennifer Losey, and Mary Spinney. Please consider joining us for the 2010 Fall Forum planning meeting scheduled for the first Sunday in June. We appreciate and need your input and participation.

### **Bible Study Classes**

Opportunities to learn more about the Bible were offered by Fr. Chris on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:15 pm. and on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. The Wednesday evening classes concluded in May; Tuesday morning classes with Fr. Chris continue and parishioners are encouraged to attend.

### **“Come and Grow” with a Small Group**

Several small discussion groups were formed and are being led by parishioners Jennifer Gilpin (Knowing God); Jen Losey (Raising Christian Children); Maureen Mahar (What’s God Got to do with it; Moving through Menopause), Richard Pina (The Anger Trap), and Julie Wagner (One Like Jesus).

### **Lenten Program 2009**

A series of five classes, *The Gospel According to The Simpsons*, was led by Fr. Chris during Lent. Segments from the popular television series *The Simpsons* were viewed and provided starting points for thoughtful discussions about God, the Bible, ethics and faith. Those who attended the series enjoyed the

simple soup suppers and the discussions arising from some of the spiritual dilemmas encountered by the show's characters.

### **Sunday Mornings at Nine**

Book discussion groups were formed this past summer and have been meeting each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Parishioners have been sharing thoughts and insights about the books *The Shack* by Wm. Young and *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Taylor. More recent discussions have focused on The Gospel of Luke, and about Centering Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Buday

### 2009 ALTAR GUILD REPORT

The Altar Guild consists of 15 members, who work in teams of 2, and are scheduled about 4-5 times a year. We prepare the Sanctuary for all weekly services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, Taize Services and any other service during the year. Director Emeritus, Mabel Russell is a good source of information and helps with mending and advising. We work on Saturday morning preparing the Eucharist and cleaning the Sanctuary and between services on Sunday and cleaning up after the service.

In 2009 we prepared for 2 weddings, several funerals and several baptisms. The baptism of Fr. Chris's son James Christopher, was celebrated by Bishop Gibbs, amidst the lovely Christmas decorations. We also set up for 5 Taize Services. The Altar Guild is responsible for arranging all the candles on the altar and throughout the church for this service. The Taize Service is truly a most impressive service. We also prepare Home Communion boxes that are taken to the sick and shut-ins and the communion box that is taken to the Detroit Rescue Mission the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

In May Fr. Chris rededicated Altar Guild members, which had not been done for many years. It meant a lot to our newer and long time members. The combined years of service exceeds 333 years. This is a very dedicated group.

We also presented several vestments and chalice veiling and burse we are no longer using at St. David's, to Manju Freeman, for use by his brother, a newly ordained priest in Liberia.

We thank the Hammer and Nail Club for all their help. They put the trees up at Christmas, help with setting up the Garden of Gethsemane during Holy Week and change the banners depending on the season. Steve Ernst and this group are a real help and we appreciate all they do for us.

We cannot dispose of torn or worn linens in the trash; therefore, several pieces of linen were given to Jim Kenning who took them to Camp Chick and burned them in

one of the bonfires. Thank you to Jim and a nice way to share this with the congregation.

The Altar Guild served dinner to our guests during SOS week. We have been doing this for many years and what a nice way to help in the community. The communion services Fr. Chris has during SOS week are set up by our members. Grape juice is used in place of wine for these services.

A fair linen was purchased in 2009 from the Memorial and Gifts fund and this was blessed by Fr. Chris during a service.

Bob Masek continues to beautify the altar every Sunday with lovely flower arrangements and also transforms the Sanctuary at Christmas and Easter. We appreciate his dedication and artistic ability.

We welcome new members. Please contact either Fr. Chris or an Altar Guild member if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Cloutier & Marilyn Greening  
Directors

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE

This is the twenty sixth year that CSB has supported St. David's youth ministry. Our local unit is part of a national organization whose goal is to help teenage boys grow into mature Christian men. The program also has an evangelical outreach to the friends of St. David's youth. We average eight boys at a weekly meeting and I would like to thank the parents for their ongoing support and participation. While much of this report deals with the many activities of the group, the activities are only a means to an end. Of real importance is the establishing of friendships, personal growth in leadership and new skills, association with the church for a fun time that is consistent with Bible principles, and, most importantly, the strengthening of each individual's personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the deepening knowledge of what that means in each of their lives. This coming June, a group of men are graduating from High School who joined the group at Monday meetings and on numerous outings whenever their schedules allowed: Scott Veselenak, John Litwinowicz, Manju Freeman, and John Nelson. Scott Veselenak and John Litwinowicz are also leaders with the group and significantly contributed to the success and safety of each meeting and outing. We wish you all the very best and hope that the skills and memories that you have from CSB will be helpful as you move on to your next set of challenges. In addition, Dave Veselenak is graduating from Central Michigan, Luke Litwinowicz is graduating from U of M, Jon Corry is graduating from Aircraft Maintenance School and Ian Corry is graduating from Wind Turbine Maintenance School. The current leadership team consists of: Jim Kenning, John Hodgson, Dave Halsey, John Litwinowicz, Noah Litwinowicz, Scott Veselenak and Phillip Crichton. Thank you for your many contributions to the program.

Our weekly meetings consist of group and individual activities, active games, achievements, special events, and Bible based discussions. Any boys, ages 9 to 18+, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Monday nights or our outings.

This year we have had numerous outings and activities, including:

- winter camping in a warm cabin at the Island Lake State Recreation Area.
- The team of Noah Litwinowicz and Jim Kenning won the annual International Fusz Ball Championship, with Nathaniel Charter-Harris and Paul Veselenak coming in second, with Adam Mader and Nick Eudier coming in third. There was plenty snow, which allowed us to sled in the quarry and at Kensington Metro Park, plus cross country skiing.
- served pancakes and fixings at the Shrove Tuesday supper on February

24th

- overnight at Joe Dumars Field House, action all night, including: basketball, rock climbing, laser tag, miniature golf, arcade games, bungee cord trampoline and many other activities. An amazingly fun time and a long time to stay awake.

- a rockum sockum Whirlyball game, drive, bump, pass the ball, and score
- studied alternative medicine, taught by that notable "doctor" Admiral Hal-

sey

- learned about the career of plumbing, taught by Garrett Murphy, a true

- “plumbers helper”
- trip to Cedar Point in June
  - trip to the Hallow Weekend at Cedar Point in October, with the goal to ride all the roller coasters in the park and see all the haunted houses. We camped at a local Sandusky campground Friday and Saturday nights, the campground was quite a change from the usual CSB wilderness camping experience, with loud car traffic, loud trains, and very loud shotguns at dawn shooting at ducks, oh my ...
  - trip to the Yankee Air Force Museum at Willow Run Airport, really interesting WWII era planes, some of which can actually fly. As an associated activity, Don Taylor took Nathaniel Charter-Harris up in his four seater plane. Now that’s an experience to be excited about. In addition, Don came to a Monday night meeting and discussed the ups and downs of flying. Thanks Don!
  - studied hunting, taught by Mike Love and Garrett Murphy, with a guest visit by Mike Schultz, who has been hunting all his life, with a variety of weapons
  - studied the history of roller coasters, taught by John Litwinowicz
  - served food to the guests at the Quilt Show. The quilts were awesome and the food, which was prepared and donated by the Quilting Group, was very good, with the profits going to the support of the CSB Group. Many, many thanks to the Quilting Group!
  - studied the history of baseball, taught by Scott Veselenak
  - studied astronomy, taught by Ray Litwinowicz, many thanks Ray!
  - Christmas party and gift exchange
  - built an igloo, it stood for about a week before melting
  - “what my faith means to me”, everyone participated
  - Time Management “tricks of the trade”, taught by Jim Kenning and the Admiral
  - the dangers of drugs and alcohol, taught by John Litwinowicz
  - studied shotguns and then went to the Island Lake Skeet Range for a day of “hit and miss” shooting. We used 20, 12, 410 and 16 gauge shotguns.
  - first meeting in September, complete with pizza to welcome everyone back for another fun filled year
  - snowboarding at Alpine, instruction for beginners, fun for everyone, snow is amazingly hard when you fall (again and again).
  - bowling, or how we would score 300 if the pins were in the gutters, or why real men use “bumpers”
  - rifle practice at the Double Action Range, a small but very targeted group
  - started to build a really interesting wooden game, called Skee Ball, thanks Dad (Bob Kenning) for all your help and wood working expertise
  - cooked a meal and served it to the guests at the South Oakland Shelter
  - for the May outing, we went backpacking at Drummond Island, located at the north end of Lake Huron. Muddy trails, occasional rain (and sleet), temperatures in the 30s, everyone stayed warm (more or less), hiked to a cliff overlooking Lake Huron, all in all an outstanding weekend with friends that also built “character”
  - U of M vs. Nebraska Omaha hockey game in Ann Arbor, Go Blue, they WON, 4 to 2

- U of M vs. Miami Ohio hockey game in Ann Arbor, Go Blue, but they lost, 5 to 1, this game had many
  - penalties and evictions, must be a real rivalry
  - game night with ping pong, pool, air hockey and board games

- rock climbing at Planet Rock in Ann Arbor, fun even if you don't reach the top, professional instruction for first time climbers
- ice cream party at the last meeting in May, oh so good, complete with all the fixings

This is just the beginning ☐ honest! Yet to come are:

- build another igloo, if we get enough snow, maybe a little smaller this time
- continue to build the Skee Ball game, watch out Chuckee Cheese, Here Comes St. Davids

Comes St. Davids

- a May outing, May 21 to 23 to South Manitou Island, an easy backpacking trip to a campsite on the shores of

Lake Michigan, with a great boat ride from Leland, Michigan

- U of M vs. Northern hockey game at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor, Go Blue,

February 20th

- cook and serve Shrove Tuesday dinner, February 16<sup>th</sup>
- study a Christians Daily Life, taught by Noah Litwinowicz
- study "how much it costs to live" (too much), taught by Jim Kenning
- continue to work on the 50 cal pistol kit, reenacting here we come, lead by the Admiral
- study useful knots, taught by Jim Kenning
- study skateboarding, taught by JP, John L and Garrett Murphy
- cook a meal and serve it to the guests at the South Oakland Shelter, Monday, April 26th
- instruction in rock climbing, including belaying techniques, climbing at Planet Rock in Pontiac, April 10th
- snowboarding, still fun, still falling, still getting back up and still trying again, February 13th
- another Monday game night, come one, come all
- another rifle instruction session at Double Action Sports rifle range, February 6th
- bowling, again, or how we will never score 300 even if the pins are in the gutters
- study backpacking, in preparation for hiking at South Manitou Island, review: equipment, techniques and learn why you really don't want to carry "the kitchen sink" on your back AND study edible foods (urpp)

- build and launch rockets, watching them disappear into the night sky at Monday meetings in April

- study shotguns and go to a local range at Island Lake on May 1st, to practice the skills of skeet shooting

- a winter outing at a cabin in the Island Lake State Recreation Area, complete with x-country skiing and other winter activities (pray for more snow), January 15- 17

- overnight at the Joe Dumar's gym, including basketball, volleyball, video games, laser tag, miniature golf, roller blades, rock climbing wall and food, March 19th

- ice cream party in May on the last Monday meeting of the year, May 17<sup>th</sup>, all you can eat, with the fixings

Sound like fun? Come on out and bring your friends. For more information, con-

tact any of the group's leaders. I would like to thank all of the church members, St. Anne's Guild, the Quilting Group and other organizations who have: supported us by prayer, donations (you know who you are), purchasing Coupon books and by joining us in special activities. Many thanks to John Litwinowicz, Noah Litwinowicz, Scott Veselenak, and Phillip Crichton who continue to enthusiastically support the group as leaders! A special thanks to my co-leaders, John Hodgson and his wife Vicki, and David (Admiral) Halsey for their faithful support and participation. A very big thank you to my wife, Kitty, who supports me and the program in numerous ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Kenning, Brigade Chairman

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

2009?? Boy did it go by fast and we really enjoyed ourselves in all activities! We partied, ate, socialized, ate, worked together, and ate some more. We are an active church and we show it in all our activities. Here are a few highlights:

- The First Friday Feast was held on the first Friday of each month. We met at designated parishioner's homes to enjoy a meal and fellowship. Approximately, 35 people attended each month. Everyone is welcome! This is an excellent way to "get to know" you fellow parishioners. A sign up sheet is always posted in the vestibule.
- The Annual Picnic was and is held in June after the ten o'clock service. We have entertainment for all ages, including a Moon Walk and outdoor games.
- Pot Luck Dinners were held throughout the year for many different occasions.

- Baby Shower A baby shower was held for James Christopher Yaw, son of Natalie and Father Chris. The love that flowed that day was over the top and everyone had a great time. To say there were a lot of gifts were would be an understatement! Many special items were given in love that afternoon!

The Social Committee would like to send out a big THANK YOU to all of the St. David's family that made all of the activities possible this year! We are so blessed to have a family that works together to get things done! See you in the upcoming year!

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Wagner and Barbara Veselenak  
Social Committee

CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE

SCRIP OFFICE REPORT 2009

2009 TREASURY REPORT

The scrip office has seen many changes this year. Earlier this year, Joann Sackett, who put all our info into the computer and worked in the office, gave her resignation in May. Many thanks to Joann for all her help in the office through the week and on Sunday mornings.

Joe Mullins has been a member of the scrip team since it began about 8 years ago. Joe has been a person that we can depend on for just about anything. Joe would go and pick up the scrip from the grocery stores for us and also do our banking. Joe unfortunately gave his notice to Barbara that he too would be leaving the scrip office at the end of January, 2010. This is a deep hole that will need to be filled.

As far as we know, the rest of us will be staying in the scrip office to work. Phyllis and Barbara continue to work as the "opener" of the scrip office. We have 3 assistants this year, Julie Wagner, Mary Margaret Bair and Gene Buday. These are the associates that you see on Sunday morning to help you with your selections.

Some of you don't know what SCRIP is. This is a "gift" card that you purchase at face value and use for yourself or a gift to someone. We are able to purchase these gift cards at discounted rates because we are classified as "NON-PROFIT". So if we purchase a \$100.00 gas card to Marathon the face value of \$100.00 is what you pay. The church, however, is able to purchase it at a discounted rate of 3% which is \$3.00 less than what you pay for. This is how the scrip office is able to make funds to give to the church at our annual meeting. This is easy to do, just stop by and bring a check or cash to purchase your scrip from one of the great associates in the Scrip office. We have many different stores, gas stations, we even carry VISA gift cards that are good no matter where you shop as long as they take VISA.

We need you to continue or start using this painless way to raise funds for this parish. Times are tough but this is money that you are spending anyway.

Also, if you are interested in working in the scrip office on Sunday morning before and after the 10:00 a.m. service, see Barbara Veselenak or call her at 248-583-9788 for information on joining this great team

Barbara Veselenak.  
Chairperson

Balance on hand 1/1/09 \$ .82

INCOME

St. David's budgeted funds	\$1500.00
Donations	189.00
Bottle returns	30.00
Quilt Show food sales	223.00
St. Anne's Guild donation	100.00
Fees for outings	2360.00
Shrove Tuesday ticket sales	168.00
Coupon book sales	500.00
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Total Funding	\$5070.00

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DISBURSEMENTS

Shrove Tuesday expenses	134.61
Drummond Island backpack	437.89
Coupon books, '09	320.00
CSB annual registration, 2009-2010	100.00
Sled repairs	35.83
Whirlyball	130.00
Snowboarding at Alpine	308.00
Yankee Air Force Museum	95.26
First meeting party	54.81
Cabin outing, Jan '09	503.50
Christmas party	32.83
Wooden game, Skee Ball	145.38
Last meeting party	22.54
Camping supplies	167.26
U of M hockey tickets	624.00
Rock climbing at Planet Rock	213.00
Shelter dinner	92.32
Cedar Point Hallow Weekend	494.25
Cedar Point - June	462.00
Skeet shooting at Island Lake Range	256.90
Joe Dumars Field House overnight	369.35
Display board materials	70.50
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Total Disbursements	\$5070.23

\$0.59

Balance on hand 12/31/09

Respectfully submitted, Jim Kenning, Treasurer

## CHURCH SCHOOL

*Jesus said, " Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14*

At St. David's we have a wonderful staff of teachers and helpers to welcome our children every Sunday. As teachers we have been given a job that both nurtures our youth as well as ourselves as we strive to share our Christian faith. We have many willing and dedicated adults who have committed to this ministry.

Serving this year:

3 years-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Kitty Kenning
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades	Jane Johnson Paul Veselenak Mike White
Rite 13 Class	Judy Carrick Tom Ivinson Richard Pina John Hawkes
J2A Class	Maureen Mahar
Godly Play	Mary Margaret Bair Jan Ivinson Simone Charter-Harris Jen Losey Leah Lynady Audrey LaMothe Valerie Edwards Karen Henry Diane Schock
Assistant	Pat Kay Debbie Hawkes

During the service, students from ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade attend "Godly Play." This is a special worship program where children hear Bible stories in a worshipful way that small children can understand. Children then join their parents in church for the Eucharist. We have been fortunate to add six new volunteers this year.

Following the service, church school classes are provided for children ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade during the Adult Forum time. The curriculum for these classes is Living the Good News based on the lectionary reading in church. Families can then share the same insight into lessons read in church.

A Rite 13 class was started up again this year for a new group of middle school aged students. Journey to Adulthood class is also continuing with its members. Both of these classes also take place during the Adult Forum time. On occasion, additional group activities take place during the week.

Besides a weekly church school class, students participated in additional activities which included:

- Intergenerational activities (making valentines for the Mead Residents, decorating and packing Thanksgiving boxes, church picnic, etc.)
- Taking part in worship services (Advent lighting, reading, bring up the elements, etc.)
- Missionary activities (Lenten Missionary offerings, letter writing

principle amount. Otherwise funds will be used as described above.

## ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

After much discussion and prayer, the members of St. Martha's Guild voted to disband in 2009. The Final activity for the group was the cooking and serving of a dinner to our guests one evening during South Oakland Shelter Week. The remaining activities St. Martha's chaired were continued by other means. The Halloween party was put on by the Kids Night Out committee, the Mitte Tree was set up by the new Mitten Tree committee and the Cookie Walk/Craft Sale was put on by the Haiti Mission Group members. We are very pleased these worthwhile activities are still part of our parish life. All funds remaining in our treasury were distributed to outreach programs that we have supported in the past. The guild thanks the parish for their support over the years and for their continued support of the activities that will be ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Connelly for the Women of St. Martha's Guild

tained and the income may be used for the maintenance of the units. As of 12/31/95 the fund stands at \$1,934.

\*THE DAVID MacFARLAND FUND This fund was established in 1975 in memory of David MacFarland who had been a member for many years and had served on the Vestry. The principle sum of \$2,250 is to be maintained and the income is designated to go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. As of 12/31/95 the fund stands at \$2,250.

\*THE ANNIE NEWTON FUND Established in 1972 in memory of Annie Newton. The principle sum of \$1,000 is to be maintained and the income is designated to be used for children and youth programs. As of 12/31/95 the fund stands at \$1,255.

THE BEQUEST FUND This fund was established in 1987 by a bequest from the estate of Allan and Clara Grey (representing 82% of all the gifts to the fund). The Grey's were active members of St. Thomas', Detroit and the Cathedral and in later years moved into St. Anne's Mead where they attended chapel regularly. Although they were not members of St. David's, we were named in their will because of the service we provided to them at the Mead. Since then gifts have been received from the estates of W. A. Buckingham and Robert and Lenore Kinnear.

The Vestry established a policy early in the life of this fund that it would be used for major projects in the life of the parish. Recently new computer equipment was purchased using these funds. The Vestry's policy also states that up to 75% of the income to the fund may be used toward the operating budget; the remaining 25% being used to build up the corpus. As of 12/31/95 the fund stood at \$94,849.

\*THE PEOPLE'S WINDOW FUND This fund was established in 1993 for the purpose of raising funds so the large balcony stained glass window might be installed; completing the church's windows. This window was to be the largest and most intricate one; and as a result - the most expensive. The estimate given at that time was \$42,000. As it was unlikely that any one memorial or gift would be able to pay for this project (as had been the case with the other windows), it was decided to establish a separate fund for this purpose toward which members, former members, and friends of St. David's might make contributions of any size - hence, the "People's Window." If gifts were memorials, this would be noted in a memorial book at the time of the dedication. No expenditure would be made on the window until all the necessary money has been donated. As of 12/31/95 the fund, including investment income stands at \$18,934.

\*THE MARJORIE WATERSON FUND Established in 1995 in memory of Marjory Waterson, who spent much of her life caring for children in the schools and at home. The principle sum of \$340 is to be maintained and the income is to be used for music for children - either for the Children's Choir or the Sunday School. As of 12/31/95 this fund stands at \$372.

Money may be donated at any time to any of these funds, in the case of those funds where the principle is to be maintained (indicated with \*), gifts will be added to the

and sponsoring a child through Child Fund)  
A day of participation awards for church school members ending with a picnic

Music taught to the younger children in their classrooms  
A Christmas pageant titled "The Road to Christmas" performed on Christmas Eve and the Sunday service following Summer church school for children up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

We also thank other people who have helped the church school in many ways. Joe Bair and the Hammer and Nail Club have helped on many occasions. Chris Urbiel worked with the youth to teach the students music for the pageant. Jim Kenning is always ready to lend a hand. Special thanks is given to Fr. Chris who really values the youth of the parish and is always looking for ways to involve them in the life of our Christian community.

We continually try to meet the needs of our students. Besides church, many of the students are active in many other school and community activities. They, with the help of their parents, still find the time and resolve to make attending church an integral part of their lives. We have enough children on the rolls to make this a truly vibrant church school. But more than numbers, our community of believers is large in spirit and love. We thank all of you - teachers and fellow parishioners who take on the Godly mandate of nurturing our youth. It is an awesome responsibility and we do so only with God's help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kitty Kenning

CHURCH SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR 2009

ST. DAVID'S DEDICATED ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUND

Balance at January 1, 2009 \$3,149.35

RECEIPTS

Budgeted by Church \$1,500.00 \$4,649.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Christian Children's Fund \$ 429.00

Church Supplies/Materials (Includes Church Publishing) \$ 311.37

Church School Training \$ 70.00

Church School Luncheon \$ 79.90

Church Fair \$ 200.00

Balance at December 31, 2009 \$3,559.08

BIRTHDAY FUND

Balance at January 1, 2009 \$3,575.26

RECEIPTS

Monthly Birthday Offerings \$ 356.72

2009 Interest (all 4 Quarters) 11.37 \$ 368.09

DISBURSEMENTS

Balance at December 31, 2009 \$3,943.35

Respectfully Submitted  
Paul Veselenak  
Church School Treasurer

Over the years, a number of "Dedicated Accounts" have been established with money donated with a specific purpose and/or as a special memorial. All of these accounts draw income from the various investments of the parish.

The following is a description of the nature of those funds including where they came from, how they may be used, and their current levels. They are presented in the order in which they normally appear on the Vestry's monthly Treasurer's Report.

THE MEMORIAL FUND Funds which are donated in memory of someone and which contain no other restrictions on their use are put in the Memorial Fund. There are two "sub-funds": General Memorials and Dedicated Memorials. When total memorial gifts for a person exceed \$500, a separate Dedicated Memorial is established. Expenditures of these funds will be done in consultation with the family of the deceased. When the total gifts are below that level they are put in General Memorials. In both cases, when those gifts are expended these memorials are noted in our Memorial Book found in the narthex.

Memorial funds are not used for the operating budget. Purchases of a significant and reasonably long lasting nature are made. Examples include vestments, altar decorations, communion vessels, processional crosses, banners, speaker system, office equipment, service books, and additions to the Memorial Garden. Final decision about these expenditures rests with the Rector and Vestry. As of 12/31/95 the Memorial Funds stood at \$22,918, with approximated half in the Dedicated Memorials.

THE MAINTENANCE FUND This fund was established approximately 15 years ago with money that was received from the sale of the old rectory in Berkley. The purpose of the fund was and is to provide a reserve for major repairs to the building which could not be paid for in the operating budget. Each year the Vestry has put a "Major Maintenance" item in the budget to cover items beyond usual fix-ups, such as the recent repair of the heating system in the nave. If there is any excess that year, that amount is transferred to the Maintenance Fund; if there is a short-fall, that amount is transferred from the Maintenance Fund. As of 12/31/95 the fund stands at \$13,075.

\*THE BARBARA T. SPEARS MEMORIAL COMMUNICATIONS FUND This fund was recently established by Barbara Spears as a legacy for the parish. As a member of the Vestry and as one who worked much of her adult life in the field of computers, Barbara was very cognizant of the Importance of communication and she wanted the income from this fund to be used to improve our communications within the parish. The principle amount of \$1,565 is to remain and the income may be spent in any way that would promote that goal. As of 12/31/95 the fund stands at \$1,615.

\*THE AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE FUND Establish upon the installation of the church air conditioning units were installed, the principle sum of \$1,000 is to be main-

## MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE



The original St. David's Memorial Garden was originally a flat grassy area lying between the church building and the original cement sidewalks. Later a cross that was mounted on the exterior of the church was moved to the Garden. In 1996 the original cement sidewalks were removed and replaced with brick walks and the Garden re-landscaped in memory of Charlotte Kay.

In 2002 the Vestry approved an interment fee to supply funds to provide for the proper maintenance of that beautiful space and a year after that approved the forming of a Memorial Garden Committee. The Memorial Garden Committee's function is to supply a long-term vision for the garden and to assure that its maintenance is performed in line with that vision. The Vestry formally appointed three parishioners as well as the Junior Warden to the committee in December 2003. The appointed members are:

Mr. Robert Kay  
Mr. Joseph Mullins  
Mrs. Rose Kolberg  
Current Junior Warden

The committee meets as required and has been discussing replacement of some of the gardens plantings that are becoming over grown.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Steve Ernst, 2009 Junior Warden

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING "Sisters of Bethany" Chapter #3474

### Daughters of the King - Sisters of Bethany Chapter #3474

Did you know that the Daughters of the King started here at St. David's in May 2005?? Did you know that we belong to Province V, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan?? It is true! We have continued to grow in the Rules of the Order: prayer, service and evangelism. Our business meetings are the first Sunday of each month and our Book Study is the second Tuesday of each month. For our Book Study we are reading The Kings Daughter by Diana Hagee. We will be choosing a new book for the 2010 year ahead.

Here are a few highlights of our busy year:

- Province V Retreat was attended by Carolyn McClintock and Elvia Jonespenck in Conway, MI.
- The National Triennial was attended by Carolyn McClintock.
- Carolyn McClintock attended the National Convention and manned the booth for DOK.
- Summer meetings were held at members homes.,
- Carolynn Johnson was elected Diocesan Secretary.
- Members continue to make and distribute Prayer shawls.
- Members continue to make and distribute Food Baskets as needed.
- We assisted with quarterly Taize Services.
- Offer intercessory prayer weekly in the Taylor Chapel after communion.
- Maintain a prayer list for home prayer. Keep prayer cards in the pews for parish use.

The Sisters of Bethany are looking forward to a great year ahead. We also look forward to adding more members in the new year. Thank you Father Chris for being there for us in prayer and service to God.

### Motto of the Order

For His Sake . . . . .

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I will do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Wagner, President

HAITI OUTREACH MISSION ANNUAL REPORT

St David's Haiti Outreach Mission Committee sponsored the second annual Haiti Mardi Gras Dinner in January 2009. Despite obstacles from Mother Nature – a heavy snowfall and cold temperatures, the sun came out, and the parking lot was plowed in time for the parties to arrive. The Committee provided an excellent Caribbean style dinner and the Haitian disc jockey had people up dancing and having a great time. The raffle baskets that St. David's parishioners provided were popular with the party goers and twelve people went home happily carrying their winnings. With your support we were able to have a financially successful fundraiser.

Four St. David's members, in addition to Roger and Dominique Matthews made the trip to Haiti in March: Fr. Chris, Joan Elkins, Kathy Graham and Leonard Sackett. This year the Clinic Team, including Kathy, was able to staff a Mobile Unit that went to several sites outside of Mirebalais to deliver care. These sites are missions of Fr. Jeannot and Fr. Faublas and in the past they were not able to make it in to the clinic in Mirebalais. Joan was kept busy in the new dental room where the dental team (Joan and 2 dentists) saw over 40 patients a day for extractions and basic dental care. Again the clinic saw over 1,400 patients and fluoride treatments were given to over 1,200 school children. Len Sackett was kept busy with maintenance projects at the rectory, the clinic and St. Blasé Orphanage.

This committee could not exist without the support of the congregation. Those traveling to Haiti are going as proud representatives of St. David's. The purpose of this committee is to provide support for our mission in Mirebalais, Haiti. Committee members are NOT expected to make the trip to Haiti. We would like to invite anyone in the congregation to join us in our work. Please see me or any other member for more information.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Haiti Outreach Committee,  
Janet Ernst

ST. ANNE'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT 2009

St. Anne's is a group of women that meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. We are strong on fellowship. We begin each meeting with a short devotion and a bag lunch. We take turns bringing a dessert. Our fund raising consists of a Parish Christmas card and a spring Rummage Sale. Our disbursement of funds is listed in the accompanying treasurer's report.

We are always happy to welcome visitors or new members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis Leith, President

ST. ANNE'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT 2009

Balance as of January 1, 2009 \$ 445.08  
Checking Account, National City

Receipts

Christmas card Donations 2009 \$ 150.00  
St. David's Cook Books Sold 18.00  
Rummage Sale Proceeds \$ 1,027.50

Total Receipts

\$1,195.50

Disbursements

Kerry Price—Entertainment 12 Day Luncheon \$ 75.00  
Kathleen Graham—Defray Haiti Costs 75.00  
Joan Elkins—Defray Haiti Costs 75.00  
Children's Lunches in Haiti 50.00  
Advertising for Rummage Sale 129.70  
St. David's General Fund 90.00  
South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless 200.00  
McGregor Ministries 100.00  
C. S. B. Donation 100.00  
Thanksgiving Baskets 50.00

Total Disbursements

\$2,292.82

Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2009

\$ 595.88

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn MacKay, Treasurer

will help us to direct them to the various organizations of St. David's. We continue to make our facility more visitor friendly too. Some new indoor signage was recommended to and installed by the Hammer and Nail Group. These signs should help visitors find the chapel and other rooms down the hall from the main vestibule. Also, some bulletin boards were rearranged and a "Who's New in the Pews" board added. Watch for a new group of pictures and articles on the bulletin board. (And when you see a new face at St. David's, become an instant greeter and welcome them!) Thank you to the Hammer and Nail group for installing the signs and moving the boards.

Members of the Newcomers Committee include: Jennifer Gilpin, Rose Kolberg, Marilyn Mackay, Joanne Sackett and Fr. Chris. This year we welcomed a new member to our committee, Christa Tews-Albrecht. The committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm in Fr. Chris's office. Anyone interested in becoming a committee member or becoming a Greeter, please fill out a Time and Talent form and turn it into the office. Or contact any one of the committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Sackett  
Newcomers Committee Chairperson

## HUNGER COMMITTEE

The Hunger Committee was formed in order to help coordinate all of St. David's outreach projects related to alleviating hunger. In 2009, St. David's contributed to the following efforts:

**Crop Walk-** Several walkers from St. David's participated in Southfield's Crop Walk in April raising approximately \$600. Crop uses funds to combat hunger throughout the world and designates 25% for local use. Local funds benefited Meals on Wheels and Forgotten Harvest.

**Crossroads-** Partnering with St. John's, Plymouth, several St. David's parishioners helped serve lunch to

3,164 guests on their 4 visits to Crossroads Soup Kitchen this year. On the first 3 visits, St. David's provided the fruit (bananas) for the meal. For the turkey dinner served in December, several parishioners contributed cooked turkeys and pies. In 2010 we will be going to Crossroads on May 23, July 18, November 7 and December 19.

**Open Hands Food Pantry-** Each week, parishioners donate foods to be given to the Open Hands Food

Pantry at St. John's in Royal Oak. This food is brought forward during the offertory and blessed on the second Sunday of each month. Open Hands has served many more Oakland County residents in 2009 than ever in the past. We thank Steve and Janet Ernst for delivering our donations (between 8-15 grocery bags) each month.

**South Oakland Shelter-** For one week beginning on the last Sunday in April, approximately 100

parishioners provided meals and transportation for South Oakland Shelter clients- individuals and families without homes. During the course of the week three meals a day were provided to 30 guests. For several weeks in advance, volunteers organized and coordinated the many tasks involved in housing the Shelter- transporting bedding, setting up cots and sleeping areas, grocery shopping, serving as overnight hosts, checking in guests each evening, and at the end of the week, laundering bedding, reassembling classrooms, cleaning, and finally assisting in the transfer of cots and bedding to the next church.

**Thanksgiving Baskets-** In November, food baskets containing a turkey and all of the items needed to

serve a holiday dinner were prepared for 32 families. Parishioners made weekly donations of suggested items for the baskets. The boxes were decorated by our church school students, filled by members of the J2A class along with parishioners, and then delivered to recipients just before Thanksgiving.

**Welcome Inn-** This day- time shelter operating Monday through Friday out of the

Unity Church in Royal

Oak serves approximately 45-55 people during the coldest months from mid-December to mid-March. The shelter provides a hot meal, transportation to warming centers in the evening, a clothes closet, and other essential services. For the past two years, St. David's parishioners have made casseroles that would be served at the shelter and have helped support two fundraising efforts, one in July and one in November. These fundraisers and donations from individuals and churches help to keep the shelter open.

The Hunger Committee expresses its appreciation to the parish for all of its contributions to these various efforts, and to The Daughters of the King who stock the office with food boxes that are distributed when those in need come to our doors during the week. We recognize that in the midst of difficult economic times for many among us, our help is more critical than ever.

Hunger Committee Members

Fr. Chris, Edna Buday, Jan Ernst, Jan Ivinson,

Jim Cloutier, Kathy Graham, Carole Porter, Shirley Small

#### MUSIC PROGRAM – 2009

##### Overview

During 2009, the music program expanded, with the participation of new members and the growth of an additional choir. As of this report's composition, the Chancel Choir has 14 members, the Gospel Choir has 6, the Handbell Choir has 6, and the Children's Choir has 9. During June through August, enthusiastic musicians returned for the summer pickup choir, learning "instant" anthems on Sunday mornings.

##### Musical Particulars

During 2009, St. David's ensembles continued to present a varied repertoire. The Chancel, Gospel, and Children's choirs sang in multiple languages, and hymn and anthem choices spanned several centuries. The Chancel Choir often sang the Psalms in plainchant, the ancient music of the Church, with positive congregational participation. The St. David's Children's Choir used instructional materials from the Royal School of Church Music and St. James Music Press. The Handbell Choir presented idiomatic bell repertoire alongside transcriptions and arrangements.

##### Special Events

Throughout 2009, the musicians of St. David's enriched special events, including five Taizé services (January, March, September, July, and November), the solemn liturgies of Holy Week (April), evening prayer led by the Children's Choir (June) and the festivities of Christmas (December). An Advent Lessons and Carols service was held on the fourth Sunday of Advent. St. David's was also graced with the presence of several talented guest musicians throughout the year who shared their talents on the violin, viola, harp, trumpet, percussion, and voice. This in-

cluded parishioners who volunteer their services, college student parishioners studying voice and instruments, friends of the parish, singers from Divine Child High School, and trumpet majors from Michigan State University.

##### Instruments and Supplies

The 1969 Tellers pipe organ continues to be maintained by technicians from J.A. Hébert and Son of Troy, MI. St. David's three pianos (the Krakauer baby grand and the Baldwin spinet and upright) are tuned by Clem Fortuna of Detroit, MI. The Malmark handbells are maintained "in-house" by the Handbell Choir. The St. David's music program continues to benefit from a rich choral music library, which was augmented by several new purchases in 2009. Our [OneLicense.net](http://OneLicense.net) contract allows us to reprint music from many Christian publishing houses in our worship bulletins.

Respectfully Submitted:

by Christopher Urbiel,

Organist and Choirmaster (January 2010)

#### NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The Newcomers Committee has been busy again this year greeting visitors and welcoming new members to St. David's. We hosted another lovely Rector's Tea for new comers at Fr. Chris's home in July and welcomed about 30 new and returning people on Welcoming Sunday in November. We try to make visitors and new comers feel welcomed by first greeting them at the door and then introducing them to other parishioners before and after the service. Committee Members also write thank you notes to visitors for coming to St. David's. There are always two people scheduled to be at the door to greet folks as they enter, a Newcomer Committee member and a Greeter. These two greeters are asked to be at church a half hour before the service so they can be prepared to hand out Welcome Packets to visitors. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this important ministry.

Our Welcome Folder which is given to visitors, now includes a current "Reflections of St. David's," a St. David's Happenings, a Getting Involved at St. David's, a Taizé brochure, a pen with the church logo on it, and one of our new business cards made into a refrigerator magnet. Visitors who look through the newsletter and the brochures, will see many reasons to make St. David's their new church home.

Three things we have done in order for us to better serve our visitors and newer families at St. David's are first, we have revised the Guest Book to include a line for them to give us an email address and another for them to request "Reflections of St. David's" and the weekly e-news. Second, the visitor pew cards have been updated. And finally, at the suggestion of a couple of new comers themselves, we have drawn up a newcomer registration form. This is actually more of an information request form for us to learn more about them and their family members. It