

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church 2008 Annual Report

The Senior Warden's Report

2008: A New Beginning

The Christian Church is the community of those who by baptism, faith, and Eucharistic communion share in the ministry and death of Jesus Christ and thereupon live in the hope for the new life of the Resurrection.

*Wolfhart Pannenberg
An Introduction to Systematic Theology*

Last year proved to be very challenging. At the January 27, 2008 Annual Meeting, The Rev. Dr. Richard Tudor announced his retirement effective May 31st, after twenty years of service to St. Barnabas' Church. We are very grateful for all his work and dedication.

During the meeting, those present (96) elected David Sinclair, Dennis Haefner, and Harry Goff to serve three year terms on the vestry. The retiring members were Jim Birr, Rita Chapman, and Ron Grames. For the 169th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri, St. Barnabas' had three convention delegates: Diana Howarth, Harry Goff, and David Sinclair. Our 2008 budget was adopted and we concluded the year with a large surplus in the amount of 41,746.99 due to Fr. Tudor's retirement in May.

We made it through the liturgical calendar with a variety of Sunday services: 68 Holy Communion services and 19 Morning Prayer services. The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith was our guest on June 1st, for his annual parish visit. We also continued our joint worship services during the seasons of Lent and Advent with the congregation of the Lutheran Church of the Living Christ. Harry Goff has been responsible for scheduling priests for our worship services and he has done a tremendous job.

Fr. Tudor's last official Sunday at St. Barnabas' Church was on May 18th. On Saturday May 17th, we had a retirement service and reception. Honored guests included The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, Mayor Robert G. Lowery, Sr. and the members of the Tudor family. The Vestry approved a resolution that would name our parish hall, Tudor Hall. Rich was honored by Mayor Lowery for his 20 years at St. Barnabas' Church and his 20 years of military service and was presented a key to the city.

As we started our search for a new Rector, the Vestry had to determine which process we would use to accomplish this task. There were two processes available: the Priest-In-Charge process and the Supply-Interim priest/Search Committee process. On July 28, 2008 the Vestry notified the Bishop that we would use the Supply-Interim Priest/Search Committee process.

After completing the above process our next challenge was to pick a Chairman of the Search Committee. On August 24th at an executive Vestry meeting, Jim Howe was selected as Chairman of our Search Committee. On September 18th, I notified The Rev. Canon E. Dan Smith that our Search Committee would consist of the following members: Jim Howe, Teri Burnham, Rita Chapman, Terri Denicke, Harry Goff, Ron Grames, Debbie Haefner, Dusty Hassler, Lana Maggart and Faith Miller.

On October 19th, The Rev. Dr. Richard Tudor presided over the dedication of the Columbarium. The columbarium and garden are an excellent addition to St. Barnabas' Church. We are extremely grateful to Sylvia and Wayne Robbins and their family for this gift.

On November 8th, members of our congregation volunteered to give a room at the Gateway Homeless Services a make over. This consisted of scrubbing the walls, painting the walls and ceiling, refurnishing the room with new beds, lamps, rugs, sheets, and comforters. The member's that volunteered were Luke Burnham, Max Burnham, Teri Burnham, Mike Dobbs, Harry Goff, Debbie Haefner, Dennis Haefner, Diana Howarth, David Palmer, John Palmer, Kelsey Sinclair, Andria Sinclair, and David Sinclair.

On Sunday, November 9th, Karen Birr's sister, Linda Maple, gave a very informative and inspiring presentation about her experience working with the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Our congregation annually participates in the Fill a Shoe Box project; however, we did not know the process after the boxes are taken to the drop off location. Our congregation responded with 45 shoe boxes.

On December 7th the congregation completed a survey developed by the Search Committee and on December 14th after both of our services there was a brain storming event. The information from these sources will be used to build our parish profile and posted on the Church Deployment Office, which is a national data base for clergy seeking employment. We are very pleased with the congregation's co-operation.

I am extremely proud of the work that we have accomplished this year. The attendance from the congregation has been tremendous. I hope that we can do even better in 2009. There are many people that have kept St. Barnabas' going. Amy, our secretary has done a great job. She has shouldered more responsibility since we are without a Rector. I want to thank our Vestry for their leadership and support. We

have had to make some tough decisions this year and even though there were disagreements, every member had the best interests of St. Barnabas' in mind.

I would also like to thank Dennis Haefner, our Junior Warden, and the Saturday Maintenance crew that have put in an enormous amount of time keeping our building and grounds operational. Also Harry Goff has done a great job with scheduling priests for our services. We have been blessed to have stability and consistency even without a Rector. Diana Howarth and the Altar Guild have also done a great job. Michael Dobbs has been a huge help with the Salter and keeping the sign current. He also headed our Stewardship drive.

The music department at St. Barnabas' is always incredible. We are always very strong at the Lesson and Carols program at the Cathedral, which features many of the choirs that form our Diocese. Leah Milton, our Choir Director and Cindy Vantine, our Organist, do a great job every Sunday preparing our choir. Cindy also does an excellent job with the Children's Choir. I want to thank the members of St. Barnabas' for making this year successful.

I also would like to thank the Rev. Michael Randolph and the Rev. Emery Washington for the guidance, leadership and friendship to St. Barnabas' Church.

I will continue to ask that the church leadership be kept in your thoughts and prayers.

Faithfully yours,
David Sinclair

Pastoral Care

In the area of pastoral care, there were 17 private services of Holy Communion performed in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. After the retirement of Father Tudor, the Rev. Michael Randolph graciously agreed to perform 7 of these private communions. Since June 1, the pastoral care commission has made over 19 home visits; the Pastoral Care Team is very passionate about visiting our shut-ins. They are working to improve the regularity of their visits, providing Holy Communion once monthly to our shut-ins, and keeping a watchful eye on our more senior members throughout 2009.

The Pastoral Care Team is deserving of much praise for getting up to speed so quickly after Father Tudor's departure. Before his leaving, Rich did reform this team with members having prior experience. They are Sara Henry, Debbie Haefner, Terry Ford, Lou Murphy, Judy Skinker, and Mike Dobbs. Millie and Eldon Beran and Bill Ross have sometimes accompanied members during home or hospital visits. Quincy, Bill Ross's dog, has made a couple of valuable pet visits. The presence of a cat or dog can be very relaxing and joyful to a former pet owner.

Mike Dobbs

Jr Warden's Report

Over the past year I learned how much time and effort goes into the upkeep of the church building and grounds. The need for something to be repaired or replaced never seems to end. I have also come to appreciate how much time the Rev. Richard Tudor put into the daily operation of the parish. It is easy to see what a wonderful legacy he left to us through his hard work over the past 19 years.

In 2008 we had a major concern with the air conditioning unit for the sanctuary and undercroft. The decision was made by the Vestry to replace this unit. The total cost of the replacement was \$10,700. The replacement was made possible by a grant from The Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri and the Church Assistance Endowment fund, the Billie Ross Foundation, and a gift from Judy Skinker. The remaining funds came from St. Barnabas' Capital Maintenance Fund. A window air conditioner was also replaced in the Sacristy. Funds for this window unit were donated by Sara Henry. I know that in those dog days of summer we all greatly appreciated the contributions made by these individuals and organizations.

Another less costly, but major project from a labor intensive perspective, was completed the last Saturday in July with the installation of a new electrical feeder to the outdoor sign. We were experiencing problems with the sign not being illuminated at night. We replaced a photoelectric eye, ballast, and light bulbs at the end of May. While attempting to power the lights for the concession stand on July 4th, we discovered low voltage on the socket at the base of the sign. Some testing proved that the feeder line running from the building to the sign was not carrying full voltage. The electrical cable most likely had a break in the insulation causing a short. A new trench was dug and a new cable was laid inside heavy duty plastic conduit, with concrete poured on top of the conduit. Many thanks to Jim Birr for heading up this project, and to the Saturday Morning Crew for assisting with the labor. I was conveniently out of town on vacation so I missed all of the fun. This was one of the more labor intensive projects we have completed this year, and we saved a great deal of money by doing it ourselves.

An energy and money saving project to replace standard incandescent light bulbs with new energy saving bulbs, where applicable, in the buildings was completed. This project was spearheaded by Bill Ross, and I am happy to say that we are seeing significant savings on our electric bills.

The entrance doors leading into the Narthex received a facelift. Some mighty fine painting and staining was done and they look great! In addition, the exterior side of the fire exit doors leading to the undercroft and the back of the Sanctuary were cleaned and painted. Many thanks to Rich Tudor and Eldon Beran for completing that project.

The grounds have been improved by our Grounds Beautification Committee. A great many trees, shrubs, and flowers have been planted and new gardens created and maintained. Many of the plants were donated by members of the parish as living memorials

Jr. Warden, (cont.)

to loved ones. The Grounds Beautification Committee planted them and the Saturday Morning Crew installed eight markers, by my count, with a plaque displaying the name of the person for whom the memorial was given. My thanks to Jim Hoefner and the Grounds Beautification Committee for their hard work.

The maintenance of the building and grounds takes a great deal of time and effort. This time and effort was given by a group of volunteers whom I appreciate very much. My personal thanks to the regular members of the Saturday Morning Work Crew: Eldon Beran, Sara Henry, John Holmes, Bill Ross, David Sinclair, David Smith, and Rich Tudor. Others contributing time and talent were Jim Birr, Robert Tudor, Tom Tudor and Harry Ragland. I would like to especially thank Bill Ross for passing on his wisdom regarding the procedures and upkeep of the buildings and grounds. The crew and I are saddened that David Smith is unable to be with us each week. His wisdom and comradeship are greatly missed.

I look forward to 2009. After I completed a walk through of the buildings and grounds, the major projects for 2009 are to replace the wall and doors between the Narthex and the Sanctuary, work on the water drainage problem on the South side of the grounds and around the fenced trash area, repair of the parking lot, painting and repair of walls and ceilings, and outdoor painting. I hope to report completion of these projects next year in the 2009 annual report.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Haefner

Beautification Committee

The 2008 weather was as wet as 2007 was dry, and that was both good and bad. The good: we didn't have to lug hoses to water, but the bad: delayed progress of the meditation garden. The weather was a great challenge for Wayne and Sylvia Robbins to complete the Columbarium and fence. So, also due to a soggy fall, the creation of flower beds, placing landscape, and planting, is delayed until this coming spring.

This past year a 'Sawtooth' oak was planted as a memorial to Joe Reagan. Also, three 'Red Sunset' maples were installed where the silver maples were removed. There is always an opportunity for donations toward additional significant trees and garden beds.

The committee appreciates the continued help of: Mary Anselmo, Sheron & Jim Howe, Bill Wardle, Jay Burnham, (& sons), John Holmes, Roland Dickhans and Lou Murphy.

Jim Hoefener

Hunger Fund

In 2008, St. Barnabas' continued to support North County Team in its mission to provide food and emergency aid to our neighbors in need. Roy Schneider faithfully delivered 244 bags and 5 cases to TEAM.

We also donated \$4,943 in cash – 150% more than what was pledged. TEAM uses cash to purchase staples that they need and also to provide emergency rent and utility money to their clients, so these disbursements are just as important as our cans and boxes of non-perishables.

Thank you to all who have been faithful supporters of our hunger ministry.

Rita Chapman

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering is a long standing tradition in the Episcopal Church. It began as a part of missionary efforts of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Mission in 1889! Every coin from our blue envelopes is given away in grants. We, at St. Barnabas', have shared in these grants.

Our Spring and Fall ingathering in 2008 totaled \$619.62. That's down from the previous year. Sharing our monetary gifts will help someone, somewhere. It is a part of our heritage and an important part of our Church history. Thanks be to God!

Sara Henry, U.T.O coordinator

Scrip

Once again I write to thank you for your continued participation in our SCRIP fund raising program. These current economic times produce a double-edged sword for us. Just when the program was reaching a new level, we were nudged into curbing our spending. The potential revenue from this source becomes even more significant as we continue to do the work God's is asking us to do here at St. Barnabas' Church. It requires regular participation from all of us to reach that potential. Please take time to consider how you can continue your participation, or begin participating in 2009. Remember: Every dollar of scrip you purchase enhances the mission and ministry of St. Barnabas' Church!

Some of the **SCRIP** we maintain on-hand for immediate purchase each Sunday includes Dierberg's and Shop 'N Save; Shell Oil, Mobil and BP; Applebee's, Panera's (St. Louis Bread), Bob Evans, Starbucks, and Steak & Shake; Barnes & Noble, Walgreen's and K-Mart, Kohl's, Office Max. You also may stop by the church office during the week and purchase Scrip from Amy.

Scrip Gift Certificates continue to make fantastic birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, or just because I like you gifts. There are numerous Merchants from which to choose, so please consider using **SCRIP** to fill your gift shopping needs. Whether you purchase **SCRIP** to give as a gift certificate, or take it to a Merchant to purchase a gift, let the dollars you spend on gifts this coming year provide two gifts – one to your friend or loved one and the second to St. Barnabas - your Church.

Remember, it is the Merchants of the **SCRIP** program who return a percentage of the dollars, many of which are in the 9% - 13% range, for us to support St. Barnabas' Church.

Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to participate as well. We need your participation. It matters greatly!

Terri Denicke

Episcopal City Mission

The Episcopal City Mission provides a one of a kind outreach ministry to youths incarcerated in two juvenile facilities in St. Louis County and one in the city of St. Louis. Services provided are religious, counseling, social programs, and monthly birthday party for residents. St. Barnabas hosted three birthday parties and in conjunction with the ECW provided socks that are used as birthday gifts.

The parties were held at the Family Courts facility in Clayton. We served an average of 40/50 residents both male and female. Parties hosted were in January, May, and Sept. We provided soda, pizza, and ice cream with generous donations from parishioners. Thank you for your continued support of this very vital ministry. Thanks to our host and hostesses, Rich and Liz Tudor, Rita Chapman Terri Denicke, Bob and Carrie Weisgerber, Dave Sinclair, Karen Birr, Sheron Howe, and Mike Dobbs.

A special thanks to ECW for their gifts !

Liturgists

Liturgists in the Episcopal Church and here at St. Barnabas are an integral part of the worship service. Liturgists are responsible for assisting the Priest in carrying out the service. The duties of liturgist include, reading of the appointed psalm, bidding the creed, leading the Prayers of the People, assisting with communion, carrying the book for the reading of the Gospel, and saying the dismissal. Liturgists also perform the duties of the acolytes when none are present. In the absence of the Rector or a visiting Priest, the liturgist leads the congregation in Morning Prayer and in delivering an appropriate message.

The retirement of our rector in May resulted in the liturgists taking on an even more important role in the worship service. In the absence of a supply Priest, the liturgists led twelve services of Morning Prayer, and participated in one Advent Service with Living Christ Lutheran Church.

The persons serving as liturgist stepped up and answered the call for increased participation this year. A special thanks to Millie Beran, Karen Birr, Teri Burnham, Clark Burton, Mike Dobbs, Holly Garrett, Harry Goff, Lynn Grames, Ron Grames, Liz Heckman, Sheron Howe, Lana Maggart, Carolyn Stout, and Terry Toolen, for their devotion to detail, and for coordinating their duties to the individual style of two supply priests.

Thanks to Holly Garrett, not only for her service, but also for developing the new liturgist handbook and guide.
Thank you all for a great year!

Lectors

Lectors at St. Barnabas are responsible for reading the Old and New Testament lessons, and thereby setting a tone or meter of the service. Our lectors have taken this responsibility to a new level this year and have added greatly to our services. They were very upbeat and enthusiastic in reading and handling some difficult Old Testament names.

Our lectors: Eldon Beran, Millie Beran, Dottie Bertolino, Teri Burnham, Clark Burton, Terri Denicke, Mary Dobbs, Mike Dobbs, Ruth Eggers, Brenda Bobo-Fisher, Holly Garrett, Harry Goff, Lynn Grames, Ron Grames, Sara Henry, Sharon Love, Cam Murphy, Joy Nwanganga, Samuel Nwaobasi, Harry Ragland, William Wardle, and Carolyn Stout have done a superb job and we say thank you.

Faithfully, Harry Goff

Children's Chapel Liturgists

It was, for many years, the job of the Children's Chapel Liturgists to lead the younger children of our parish in worship, in the undercroft chapel, during the sermon. When we had children in the nursery, we told stories, asked questions, read books, played games, all centered on Bible stories, and tried to keep the young ones engaged. After many months with no children in the nursery, we decided to suspend the services in the summer of 2007 until we had some children to lead. I think it would be fair to say that the Children's Chapel Liturgists miss doing these services. I know I do.

It may seem odd to produce a report for a group that is suspended, as it were, but we don't want this concept to be forgotten or the need to bring families with children to St. Barnabas' to be too far from our thoughts, especially as we look back at 2008. If you know any young families with Chapel-aged kids, drag them to church. They are the future of our parish. And if you would like to be a part of this ministry to them, when we resume, please see Dave Sinclair or Ron Games.

Ronald Games
Children's Liturgy Coordinator

Acolyte Master's Report

Young people aged 11 and above are encouraged to offer their services to our worship in the Acolyte program. During the regular program year, three acolytes serve on the altar at the 10:45 service. During the summer, only one acolyte serves and does the work of all three acolytes. If anyone is interested in joining this rewarding ministry, please contact me.

Thank you to all the acolytes who have dedicated their time and talent this past year: Brittany Ashby, Nichole Birr, Summer Birr, Brian Boyd, Kimberly Boyd, Ana Chapman, Chelsea Garbs, Ethan Games, Meri Games, Ryden Games, Abby Haefner, Alaina Lair, Andrea Lair, Rosie Nwanganga, and Kelsey Sinclair.

Holly Garrett, Acolyte Warden

Youth Group

The St. Barnabas Youth Group concentrates on fellowship, faith and a fun way to give back to the community with projects such as the Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up. Members range from grades 7 – 12. This past school year so far, we journeyed to Bethlehem on December 14 and we had our lock-in at the Chesterfield Athletic Club on January 16. Fundraising events included the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and the sale of "fabulous merchandise" at the Fourth of July festivities.

Members include Andrea Lair, Andrew Lair, Alaina Lair, Nichole Birr, Luke Burnham, Max Burnham, Ethan Games, Meri Games, Ryden Games, Ana Chapman, Kelsey Sinclair, Chris Heckman and Rosie Nwanganga. Officers for the 2008-2009 school year are President: Andrea Lair, Vice-President: Alaina Lair, Secretary: Kelsey Sinclair, and Treasurer: Meri Games. Adult sponsors include Teri Burnham, Jim and Karen Birr, and Liz Heckman.

Kelsey Sinclair, Secretary

St. Barnabas' Children's Choir

The Barnabas Children's Choir continues to be the musical arm of Christian education and provides a monthly musical offering for Sunday worship.

We had three guest performers this year: Ron Grames who sang with us on our Thanksgiving anthem "Thanks Be to Thee" by G. F. Handel, Ethan Grames who played the bells on another anthem and a flutist on a third anthem. At Christmas, we were able to feature a flute trio on "Silent Night" – Ana Chapman, Andrea Lair and Kelsey Sinclair. The Christmas Eve service introit, "Once in Royal David's City," was sung by a trio this year – Ana Chapman, Meri Grames and Kelsey Sinclair.

In February, the choir hosted the 10th annual St. Barnabas ice-skating party at the Eagan Center. This year no one was hurt!

Choir participants: Brian and Matthew Boyd, Ana Chapman, Meri Grames, Andrea and Andrew Lair, Nicole Nwanganga, Kelsey Sinclair, and occasional visitors who are always welcome.

My sincere thanks to all the parents who help make our choir possible by getting their children to church regularly. I continue to be amazed at the high quality of music that this small group can perform (one Sunday we managed with three singers!). They are truly a blessing to the service when they "make a joyful noise!"

Cindy Vantine
Director

St. Barnabas' Adult Choir

This year has been a very successful year for the St. Barnabas' Choir. We are proud to have two new members join our choir this year; Hillary Chapman (soprano) and Andrea Lair (alto).

On Sunday, December 7th, the choir performed "An Advent Carol of Hope" with guest flutist, Ms. Colleen Donohue, at the Service of Lessons and Carols at Christ Church Cathedral. We have purchased four new pieces for our Choral Library and have continued purchasing additional copies of currently owned music (per copyright laws) so that each member has an original copy of music.

New choir members require new robes and the addition of new copies of pieces in our Choral Library, and we need to purchase new music selections to keep our worship services fresh. This is costly and, therefore, our goal for the upcoming year is to raise more money through fundraising so that we will be able to continue providing for our chorus members. Two fundraisers that have been in discussion are a Radio Hour Concert and a Gourmet Dinner Raffle prepared by Chef Matthew Milton and served by the St. Barnabas Adult Choir.

Members of the 2008-2009 St. Barnabas Choir

Accompanist: Cindy Vantine. Sopranos: Dottie Bertolino, Hillary Chapman, Lynn Grames, Diana Howarth, Sharon Love, Patti Rau. Altos: Mary Dobbs, Sheron Howe, Andrea Lair, Cam Murphy, Debbie Palmer, Andria Sinclair. Tenors: Lou Murphy, Dave Palmer, Carrie Weisgerber. Basses: Tony Bertolino, Clark Burton, Ron Grames, Ryden Grames, Dusty Hassler, Jim Howe, Bob Weisgerber.

Thank you for all of the continued support from St. Barnabas!!

Adult Christian Education

In Adult Christian Education we are studying the book of Genesis. We are at the point where God has promised countless descendants to an elderly childless couple named Abraham and Sarah. Their faith is exemplary, but they are having a hard time dealing with the fact that God is taking so long (25 years!) to deliver on his promise of a son. We are only about one third of the way through this monumental book of the bible. Why don't you join us?

Clark Burton

Christian Education

The Sunday School Classes are organized into two groups; the Middle/High school students and the Elementary school students. Our Middle/High school students are under the guidance of Lynn Grames, and are exploring the genealogies in Genesis. The students thus far have been somewhat surprised by how long lived the people in Genesis were – with Methuselah being the oldest (969 years). The genealogies are somewhat extensive and will take up most of the program year to explore. We did take a break to write this year's Christmas program, "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" It was fun and educational to develop questions and use characters that conveyed the story of the birth of Christ as told in the books of Mark and Luke.

The Elementary school age class utilizes a combination of the Godly Play and Good Shepherd curriculums. As we only have two children attending Sunday School in this age group, in addition to our stories, they will participate in some activities with the Middle/High school students. The Winter story schedule will include parables from the New Testament and the story series for Lent and Easter.

The 2008 Saturday Vacation Bible School (VBS) explored God's creation by linking activities and stories to the six days of creation at the beginning of Genesis. After a reading of the first and second chapters from Genesis, our activities began with a game to put the days of creation into the correct order. We explored sunshine by making a water prism and checked out solar energy by making individual solar ovens in which to prepare our afternoon snack (chocolate or vanilla fondue). We explored the Earth by learning a little geology and we cracked open geodes. After listening to Jesus' teaching of the birds and lilies (Matthew 6:25-34), animal charades and an "I Spy" nature walk were a fun way to check out God's creations on land, sea and air. We also saw how to make an egg float or sink in various liquid mixtures. Lana Maggart, Nichole Birr, Ethan Grames, Chris Heckman and I had a great time leading the children through the day.

Elizabeth Heckman
Christian Educator Coordinator

St. Barnabas Altar Guild

The St. Barnabas' Altar Guild consists of a small group of dedicated women who do their job quietly and unobtrusively.

Present Membership includes: Teri Burnham, Diana Howarth, Faith Miller, Judy Skinker, Connie Stewart, and Janet Smith.

Diana Howarth, Director

Babysitters

We are very appreciative of the youth who baby-sit on Sunday mornings. They are given a nominal compensation for this service. The youth volunteers are assigned by Holly Garrett and they are coordinated with the acolyte schedule. Babysitters must be 12 years of age or older. See Holly Garrett if you are interested in being added to the list of youth babysitters. The volunteers for 2008 were: Brittany Ashby, Summer Birr, Kimberly Boyd, Chelsea Garbs, and Rosie Nwanganga.

Since there are not many small children currently attending Sunday services, we have suspended the adult volunteer program. If attendance of small children increase, we will then resume the adult babysitters to assist the youth.

Debbie Palmer

Friday Lunches

The lunches held on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the nine program months continued to be very popular in 2008. The purpose of these parish meals is to offer a mealtime fellowship opportunity to those who might otherwise be eating alone. The cooks who make all of this possible are Mary Anselmo, Millie Beran, Sara Henry, Judy Skinker Sylvia Robbins and Terri Toolen, the dessert lady. During the summer months, Eldon Beran occasionally barbecued hamburgers and grilled brats on the patio.

Parish Outings

In 2008 there were five organized parish outings.

Rocheport, MO – The trip to this very historic town was arranged through the Florissant Valley Community College. The itinerary included a visit to the winery followed by lunch overlooking the Mississippi River, and concluded with a tour of the village.

Kimswick, MO – Parishioners boarded a bus and traveled to this quaint town, then stretched their legs, and walked and/or shopped around the town. Then everyone enjoyed a fantastic lunch at the unique Blue Owl restaurant. The relaxing return trip was aboard the paddlewheeler, the *Becky Thatcher*.

Washington, MO – Departing from the Kirkwood station by train, the parishioners traveled to the annual chili cook-off in Washington. Despite the crowds and the delayed return train (freight trains have priority), everyone reported having a good time. Also, there were no reports of heartburn.

Segway Training – Having utilized several modes of transportation on previous trips, a small number of daring souls decided to learn how to drive a Segway Human Transporter. After gaining some sense of confidence on the Segway, several took the next step and drove on the roadways and the walkway of Forest Park on a guided tour. "It sure beats walking!"

Bocce Ball – The second annual Bocce Ball tournament was held at the Italia America Bocce Club on the Italian Hill. Their bocce ball court is indoors. There are plans in the works for a return event in 2009. □

William Wardle

Web Team

Just a reminder that the St. Barnabas' Parish Web site (www.stbarnabas-stl.org) is a 24-7 outreach to the community. Supported by a continuing gift from Jim and Karen Birr, it is developed and maintained by Ron Grames with support and encouragement from a number of parishioners, especially Dave Palmer who provides the practice music for the Adult Choir. We have worship, activity, and service schedules which are kept updated, as well as pictures, maps, directions, biographies of staff, an introduction to our Christian Education program, and links to other sites of interest. Also included are an online version of the *Salter* (the pictures appear in color) and a year's archive of Rich's sermons and other writings—at least for now—and the sermons of our visiting clergy when they wish to provide them.

The big addition to the Web site was a farewell page for Rich and Liz, which we have kept on the site, and an interim news page which is designed to keep parishioners up-to-date on the workings of the search process. Communications for that page are provided by Jim Howe, Dave Sinclair or me. We will be using the Website to post information regarding the parish for prospective rector candidates and to provide links to community information. We again posted a special *Christmas at St. Barnabas'* page, with pictures of the greening of the church and an invitation for the reader to join us in all our activities. The worship schedule page has updated pictures of the altar area and the organ with Christmas decorations. A page will also be added—this year for sure—for Easter festivities.

We are always looking for new material. We have an idea to create a “what I love about St. Barnabas” page which we will be exploring further. And if you have other ideas for the site, please let the “Web team” know. As we've said before: we have lots of “cyberspace.” Let's let the world know why St. Barnabas-Florissant is special.

St. Barnabas' Website: www.stbarnabas-stl.org

Ron Grames

Episcopal Church Women

Seeking

Sharing

Serving

All Episcopal women are St. Barnabas' E.C.W. members simply because they are Episcopalians. E.C.W. meets 9:30am Sept. through May on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We are blessed with a small but mighty group of women. Attending members: Mary Anselmo; president, Sylvia Robbins; treasurer and also passes the U.T.O., C.P.C. and Miles of Pennies boxes where we each donate what we can for that month. These monies help many women with a variety of needs. Terry Toolen; secretary, and submitter of our monthly *Salter* article. Terry also starts our meetings with a short service. This is a reminder of why we are meeting and set our minds and hearts to the task ahead. Karen Birr sends cards to the youth, especially on their birthdays. Lana Maggart and Holly Garrett help wherever and whenever they are asked. Sara Henry handles the parish ingathering for U.T.O. and our dear Priscilla Bauer coordinates the Quiet Circle. Linda Brinkman is our shining star and is cashier at the Nov. Bake Sale.

E.C.W. (cont.)

We have a brand new attendee, Pat Hoppe A big welcome! We very much miss Betty Callies, Lorraine Horton and Mildred Walker. We pray for the return of their health and strength. We miss you.

It seems E.C.W. has many fund raisers but you need only look at our budget, (on the next page), to realize how many places and things we women contribute to Feb. 10th, Sweetheart Raffle, profit \$160.00. April 11th, bocce and lunch at the Boccee Club, profit \$160.00. June 8th, Special Fella,(no basket), Container Raffle, profit \$83.00. Sept. 28th, Italian Mostacholli Dinner, profit \$540.00. Nov. 1st Bake Sale, profit \$495.50 and Raffle profit \$151.00. As always remember our good works are able to be completed through the kindness and generosity of our friends and parish family.

In September, the E.C.W. initiated a project for the whole parish. Socks collections. White socks for Lakeside Center and Juvenile Detention. Colorful and cute socks for other needy groups. September through November, socks went to Grace Hill. December through May will be for the Crisis Nursery. Summer months will be Room at the Inn. Thank you Sylvia for bringing this wonderful ministry to St. Barnabas'.

At the Missouri Diocesan E.C.W. Annual Meeting, held on Oct. 25th, at Trinity St. Charles, Sylvia presented the socks idea to all the parishes. It is our hope that other Episcopal parishes will start their own socks program.

St. Barnabas' E.C.W. is very fortunate to have 3 women on the Missouri Diocesan E.C.W. board. Karen Birr, president. Sylvia Robbins and Lana Maggart are members at large. Karen was able to attend the Provence 5 Annual Meeting held on April 4th – 6th in Appleton, WI.

November is a busy month. Up goes the tree for Grace Hill. Thank you Roy Schaefer and Felix Constant for taking all the wonderful donations to Grace Hill for us. We as a parish also participate in the Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox collection. Years ago, E.C.W. was the initiator of this project and we have always admired the work of the dedicated volunteers. Karen's sister, Linda Maple, is one of these volunteers and she agreed to come to St. Barnabas' and give a presentation about this ministry. This was fantastic and heartwarming. Thank you Karen for arranging this.

At the May 17th Celebration of Ministry for Rev. Tudor, E.C.W. was asked to participate. We had fun using each letter in the word "apple fritter", (one of his favorite treats), to describe our retiring pastor.

June, July, and August, we brought buckets, rags, and supplies and did some necessary deep cleaning. We cleaned in the pantry, the undercroft refrigerator and the choir room.

The Quiet Circle was called on only once this year. With heavy hearts we prepared the meal for Joe Reagan's family. We miss you Joe.

Banners for the Altar are an ongoing project. If there are any seamstresses interested in helping to create these banners, please contact us.

On behalf of active E.C.W. members, I invite you to join us anytime. Our meetings begin with a short service or prayer and end with a lovely lunch. Maybe you could join us when we go out to eat in May or Dec. Just always know how much you are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anselmo

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Women
Financial Report 2008

	2008	2008	Projected
	Budget	Actual	2009 Budget
ADMINISTRATION			
Hospitality, Luncheon Guests	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
UTO Envelopes	25.00	0.00	25.00
President's Discretionary Fund	40.00	0.00	40.00
ECW Postage/Office Supplies/Cards	25.00	0.00	25.00
SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
FAIR SHARE			
ECW Diocesan Budget	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
SUBTOTAL FAIR SHARE	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
ECW PROJECT			
SUBTOTAL ECW PROJECT	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
WHOLE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH			
In The Parish			
St Barnabas Church	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Quiet Circle	150.00	78.00	150.00
SUBTOTAL IN THE PARISH	\$750.00	\$678.00	\$750.00
In the Community			
Meals on Wheels - North County	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Florissant Valley Industries	25.00	25.00	25.00
T.E.A.M.	150.00	150.00	150.00
Room at the Inn	50.00	50.00	50.00
SUBTOTAL IN THE COMMUNITY	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
In the Diocese			
Episcopal City Mission	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
ENS. Consolidated Neighborhood Services/Grace Hill	25.00	25.00	25.00
Hunger Task Force	100.00	100.00	100.00
Cathedral Flower Festival	50.00	0.00	50.00
SUBTOTAL IN THE DIOCESE	\$225.00	\$175.00	\$225.00

In the Nation and the World			
Episcopal Relief and Development	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Washington Cathedral/Renewed membership	55.00	55.00	55.00
Samaritan's Purse	35.00	21.00	35.00
SUBTOTAL IN THE NATION AND THE WORLD	\$115.00	\$101.00	\$115.00
BUDGET TOTAL	\$1,915.00	\$1,829.00	\$1,915.00

NON BUDGETED ITEMS 2008

Sales and Gifts

Quiet Circle ECW Donations and Gifts			
ECW Lunch Donations at Meetings	\$46.00		
TOTAL	\$46.00		

ECW Offering at Meetings

UTO	\$60.55	\$60.55	
CPC	54.65	54.65	

ECW Gift To St. B. towards New Vestments

TOTAL	\$500.00	\$500.00	
	\$615.20	\$615.20	

Fund Raisers

Bocce Ball	160.00		
February , 2008 Valentines' Raffle	82.00		
November ,2008 Bakery and Raffle Sales	647.36		
Mostaccioli (Pasta Dinner)	469.00		
Sales and Gift	20.00		
TOTAL	\$1,378.36		

ECW Treasurer
Sylvia Robbins

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2008

BALANCE SHEET

	31-Dec-08	31-Dec-07
Assets		
Cash		
Checking account	52,587.16	30,877.34
Money market account	28,552.82	8,515.65
Petty cash	20.00	20.00
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	81,159.98	39,412.99
Endowment fund investments	93,212.34	128,281.21
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	93,212.34	128,281.21
Fixed assets		
Land	22,500.00	22,500.00
Church building	176,379.51	176,379.51
Church addition	392,554.45	392,554.45
Furnishings	24,919.67	24,919.67
Furnishings addition	11,547.50	11,547.50
Landscaping	657.83	657.83
New sign & flag pole	3,641.80	3,641.80
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	632,200.76	632,200.76
Total assets	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	806,573.08	799,894.96
Liabilities		
Mortgage	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00
Net Worth	806,573.08	799,894.96
Liabilities & Net Worth	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	806,573.08	799,894.96

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2008

CASH DETAIL

31-Dec-08

31-Dec-07

Funds

Operating	66,943.93	20,111.68
Capital	3,593.85	5,387.85
Endowment	488.95	1,648.95
Hunger	749.00	1,407.90
Memorial	657.16	933.86
Youth group	1,946.35	1,765.35
Men's club	1,635.97	279.83
Altar guild	1,382.94	2,780.92
Choir fund	25.49	244.44
Kitchen	1,143.75	1,010.65
50th anniversary fund	4,833.20	4,833.20
Columbarium fund	0.00	900.00
Scrip	(2,705.97)	(2,700.50)
In/Out	465.36	808.86
Total Cash	<u>81,159.98</u>	<u>39,412.99</u>

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2008

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	2008	2008	2009
	Actual	Budget	Budget
RECEIPTS			
Pledge payments	145,929.25	155,456.00	124,476.00
Plate offerings	3,201.02	2,400.00	2,600.00
Non-pledge payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seasonal offerings	2,159.10	2,000.00	2,000.00
Church group contributions	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Outside group contributions	1,421.00	1,600.00	1,400.00
Tower lease income	12,213.00	12,000.00	12,400.00
Endowment fund income	3,576.78	3,400.00	3,400.00
Script commission	2,135.76	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest income	37.17	50.00	50.00
Other income	3,798.50	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Operating Receipts	174,521.58	182,606.00	152,026.00
Debt reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital fund	10,981.00	3,260.00	2,225.00
Endowment fund	340.00	695.00	295.00
Hunger fund	5,048.00	3,226.00	2,668.00
Memorial fund	1,482.00	0.00	0.00
Youth group fund	181.00	0.00	0.00
Men's club fund	2,099.00	0.00	0.00
Altar guild fund	2,074.65	0.00	0.00
Choir fund	200.00	0.00	0.00
Kitchen fund	1,495.10	0.00	0.00
50th anniversary fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbarium fund	6,100.00	0.00	0.00
Script receipts	63,822.00	0.00	0.00
In/out receipts	9,435.85	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Operating Receipts	103,258.60	7,181.00	5,188.00
Total Receipts	277,780.18	189,787.00	157,214.00

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2008

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	2008	2008	2009
	Actual	Budget	Budget
DISBURSEMENTS			
Operating Expenses			
Stipend	17,004.17	44,330.00	11,150.00
Housing allowance	10,049.99	20,600.00	5,150.00
Auto allowance	2,543.35	6,104.00	1,500.00
Health, life etc	438.20	1,400.00	4,977.00
Pension premium	4,869.75	12,800.00	3,200.00
403(b)	900.00	0.00	0.00
Supply clergy	4,020.00	0.00	5,600.00
Continuing education	0.00	500.00	250.00
Discretionary fund	0.00	200.00	100.00
Moving expense			5,000.00
Search expenses			15,000.00
Total Rector	39,825.46	85,934.00	51,927.00
Secretary	10,908.88	10,415.00	12,304.00
Organist	5,576.04	5,576.00	5,743.00
Organist replacement	0.00	300.00	300.00
Choir director	3,570.96	3,571.00	3,678.00
Parish nurse	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth babysitter	15.00	100.00	50.00
Salary taxes	1,477.99	1,519.00	1,673.00
Payroll fees	395.02	400.00	400.00
Workmen's comp	660.00	700.00	700.00
Total Other Personnel	22,603.89	22,581.00	24,848.00
Adult education	0.00	100.00	100.00
Church school	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total Christian Education	0.00	600.00	600.00

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH*TREASURER'S REPORT*

December 31, 2008

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
Advertising	124.50	100.00	100.00
Copier	3,406.52	3,100.00	3,500.00
Office supplies	1,620.46	1,800.00	1,600.00
Postage	860.76	800.00	700.00
Published music	332.00	300.00	300.00
Total Administration	<u>6,344.24</u>	<u>6,100.00</u>	<u>6,200.00</u>
Electric	3,948.10	5,000.00	4,500.00
Gas	4,165.31	5,500.00	4,500.00
Hauling	685.99	550.00	650.00
Telephone	1,592.78	1,800.00	1,800.00
Water & sewer	1,064.94	800.00	1,000.00
Total Utilities	<u>11,457.12</u>	<u>13,650.00</u>	<u>12,450.00</u>
Church insurance	8,979.00	8,959.00	9,000.00
Custodial services	3,975.00	4,500.00	4,000.00
Grounds maintenance	5,566.42	5,000.00	5,500.00
Repairs & maintenance	2,467.41	4,000.00	2,500.00
Total Building Maintenance	<u>20,987.83</u>	<u>22,459.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
Diocesan fair share	19,730.04	19,730.00	20,800.00
Convocation delegate	195.00	500.00	500.00
Outreach	171.70	1,000.00	0.00
Total Outside Parish	<u>20,096.74</u>	<u>21,230.00</u>	<u>21,300.00</u>
Other	4,374.05	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total Other	<u>4,374.05</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>125,689.33</u>	<u>173,754.00</u>	<u>139,525.00</u>

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2008

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
Non-Operating Expense			
Mortgage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital fund	12,775.00	3,260.00	2,225.00
Endowment fund	1,500.00	695.00	295.00
Hunger fund	5,706.90	3,226.00	2,668.00
Memorial fund	1,758.70	0.00	0.00
Youth Group Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Men's club fund	742.86	0.00	0.00
Altar guild fund	3,472.63	0.00	0.00
Choir fund	418.95	0.00	0.00
Kitchen Fund	1,362.00	0.00	0.00
50th anniversary fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbarium fund	7,000.00	0.00	0.00
Script disbursements	65,827.47	0.00	0.00
In/out disbursements	9,779.35	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Operating Expense	110,343.86	7,181.00	5,188.00
Total Expenses	236,033.19	180,935.00	144,713.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	48,832.25	8,852.00	12,501.00
Total Surplus (Deficit)	41,746.99	8,852.00	12,501.00

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT
December 31, 2008

BALANCE SHEET

	31-Dec-08	31-Dec-07
Assets		
Cash		
A G Edwards	449.48	441.72
Dividend Growth Fund	0.00	0.00
Intermediate Term Bond Fund	0.00	0.00
	449.48	441.72
Mutual Funds		
Vanguard Dividend Growth	62,522.29	84,630.87
Vanguard Intermediate Bond	9,652.63	9,652.63
	72,174.92	94,283.50
Stocks		
Ameren UE	20,587.94	33,555.99
	20,587.94	33,555.99
Diocesan Investment Trust		
Cash Equivalents	0.00	0.00
Bond Fund	0.00	0.00
Equity Fund	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	93,212.34	128,281.21

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

December 31, 2008

FINANCIAL CHANGE

Beginning balance	128,281.21
Purchases	0.00
Earnings	3,512.32
Withdrawals	(3,504.56)
Market adjustment	(35,076.63)
Ending balance	<u><u>93,212.34</u></u>

Pledge Registrar and Bursars

We are fortunate to have Tony Bertolino as pledge registrar to tally up all the contributions to the church and provide statements to the members of the parish. We also have a dedicated group of bursars who record the contributions and prepare the deposits each week. This year the bursars were Eldon Beran, Debbie Haefner, Dusty Hassler, Jim Howe, Chuck Maggart, Dave Palmer, John Palmer, Carrie Weisgerber and Bob Weisgerber.

Ushers

Ushers are the hospitality committee for our Sunday celebrations of the Liturgy. They greet the parishioners and visitors to assist them in feeling welcome at our church. Thank you to the ushers of 2008:

David Barkley	Jay Burnham	Mary Johnston	Judy Skinker
Eldon Beran	Sara Henry	Lana Maggart	Rosalie Cox
Mildred Beran	Jim Hoefener	Chuck Maggart	Ken Hoppe
Jim Birr	Ed Manton	John Palmer	Pat Hoppe
Karen Birr	Faith Miller	John Holmes	Andrea Bogue

Gourmet Group

Gourmet Group is a perfect opportunity to make wonderful, supportive friends. The group usually gathers on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Each month the host for that month provides the meeting place, entrée, tea and coffee. The other participants provide the support dishes. The dinner will often have a theme. If there is any month not signed for, we enjoy going out to a local eatery. No need to miss a party opportunity! Remember guests are always welcome anytime. Just contact one of the group. 2008 hosts are, Mary and John Anselmo, Donna and Gary Clark, Holly Garrett, Linda and Tom Ley, Karen and Matt Matuszewski, Sylvia and Wayne Robbins, Donna and Rich Robertson and last but not least, Roy Schaefer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Anselmo

Dollar and Dish

The September 2007 to May 2008 season had difficulty with scheduling a host for the dinner every month. The September 2008 to May 2009 schedule is filled and promises to offer more time for fellowship in the informal setting of parishioners' homes. The origin of the dinners precedes my joining St. Barnabas' Church in 1984 and started with young couples, some with children. Now many of the members are grandparents with grandchildren.

The dinners are traditionally held on the fourth Friday evening of the month and start at 7:00pm. Each person or couple brings a side dish, salad, or desert to complement the host's main entrée. By tradition a dollar is placed in a bowl by each attendee to offset the cost of the main dish; thus the name "Dollar n' Dish". All parishioners are invited; this is a great casual way to get to know fellow members more intimately. One need only call the host family to let them know that you are planning to attend, and ask what you might bring.

We look forward to this tradition continuing. There is certainly room in our parish to start another fellowship group to include more persons.

Mike Dobbs

Bridge Group

The St. Barnabas Bridge Group meets the third Saturday of each month in Tudor Hall from 1:30 to 4:30. This is strictly "Party Bridge" (no blood-letting) with a range of abilities from beginner to proficient. We always have at least two tables of Bridge and often three. It's an enjoyable get-together which we all look forward to once a month. You are welcome to give us a try. If interested, call either Yvonne Jones or Sheron Howe.

Croppettes

The Croppettes group meet on the second Saturday of each month in Tudor Hall from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This group gets together to do scrap booking to make photo albums through Creative Memories. It is hosted by Amy Mosier. You are welcome to come join this group and have a lot of fun putting together your own photo album.

A summary of the Search Committee Progress in 2008:

Senior Warden David Sinclair and the Vestry selected the Search Committee on September 18th. Jim Howe heads up the committee and serves with Teri Burnham, Rita Chapman, Terri Denicke, Harry Goff, Ron Grames, Debbie Haefner, Dusty Hassler, Lana Maggart & Faith Miller.

The first order of business was training by the diocesan deployment officer, the Rev. Canon Dan Smith. The training session covered the steps in the search process, the building of the parish profile, suggested methods for gathering congregational input, the search committee's responsibilities and limitations and the importance of confidentiality.

Our initial activity was the design of a survey for the congregation. The survey was developed, published and distributed to the parish early in December. We have received approximately seventy percent of the surveys that were distributed and have begun the process of compiling and analyzing the results of our membership's inputs. This is an excellent response for which the Search Committee is very appreciative.

We also held several informal 'Brainstorming' sessions to elicit additional inputs in a less structured environment. These two information-gathering approaches will assist the committee in developing the Parish Profile.

We continue to need the support of the Parish. As we gather information about the Parish to characterize the vital nature of St. Barnabas, various members of the committee may be calling on you for information. Your thoughtful and prompt input will be very helpful in moving this process forward as quickly as possible. Please keep the Search Committee in your thoughts and prayers.