



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

2009 Annual Report

Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand, we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:2

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The Senior Warden's Report

2009: 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 was a very unique year. We have now gone 20 months without a spiritual leader and we are very close to finding our new Rector. Over the last 12 months our church has grown maybe not in numbers but in spirit and wholeness. The members of our parish have taken ownership of our church and I am very proud of them. This has also been personally very rewarding for me. I have experienced something very special over the last 20 months leading this parish and I appreciate everyone who has worked to provide our congregation with services, meals, and fellowship.

The liturgical calendar was challenging this year with a variety of Sunday services: 52 Holy Communion services and 32 Morning Prayer services. The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith was our guest on November 8th, for his annual parish visit and for Confirmation. 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. This has proven to be a very difficult job because of the amount of supply priests available and their schedules.

I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished this year. Our attendance has been tremendous despite our Morning Prayer services going from 19 in 2008 to 32 in 2009. Our congregation also exceeded their financial obligation to our church. We have also been able to continue several ministries with TEAM, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, Grace Hill, Episcopal City Mission, and CHAMP. Our monetary donations to TEAM have increased substantially while the actual food donations were down. Another ministry that we participated in again this year was the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. With the help of our ECW and the congregation we filled 42 shoe boxes.

Let's work together to continue this trend or do even better in 2010. There are many people that have kept St. Barnabas' going. Amy Walling, our church secretary works very hard keeping our church going without a Rector. We are extremely grateful for all of her efforts. 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 and vigilance into keeping our building and grounds operational. Harry Goff has very efficiently scheduled the priests, liturgists, and lectors for our services. We also have been blessed to have pastoral stability and consistency during this period. Diana Howarth and the Altar Guild have done a great job, sometimes having to make last minute changes in preparing the altar as Morning Prayer and Holy Communion occasionally occur on the same Sunday. Michael Dobbs has been very helpful with the *Salter* and updating the sign. He is also in charge of our Pastoral care team that visits our members that are unable to attend our services. I appreciate his dedication and hard work.

The music department at St. Barnabas is always very strong. Leah Milton, our Choir Director and Cindy Vantine, our Organist, do a great job every Sunday preparing our choir. The choir works very hard and we are always impressed with their Sunday morning performance. We appreciate all the time that Cindy and Leah spend with our Children's Choir. They get better every time they sing. We are truly blessed to have teacher's the quality of Leah and Cindy.

I would also like to thank Tony Bertolino for all the many years that he was our Pledge Registrar. Tony recorded weekly offerings and issued quarterly statements for many years. In fact I tried to find out how long he had actually been doing this and know one knew. It could be 15 years or more. Thank you so much for doing such a great job over those many years.

I want to thank all the members of St. Barnabas for everything they do to strengthen and support our parish family and for making this year successful.

I also would like to thank The Rev. Emery Washington, The Rev. Warren Crews and The Rev. John Good for their guidance, leadership and friendship to St. Barnabas' Church. We appreciate the time taken out of your busy schedules for providing the Sunday services for our church.

I will continue to ask that you keep the church leadership in your thoughts and prayers.

Faithfully yours,
David Sinclair

Jr Warden's Report

The major project for 2009 was the replacement of the wall separating the Narthex from the Nave of the church. The work was contracted out to Ed Manton and Gordon Hayman. The previous wall was 2x4 and fiber board construction on the bottom half and glass framed in 2x4s on the top half. The glass rattled when the organ was played so small pieces of paper had been folded and inserted on the edge of the glass to reduce the vibration. The fiber board on the bottom half had bowed, so a replacement of the structure was badly needed. The replacement wall consisted of 2x4 and drywall construction with two 24 inch wide by 36 inch tall windows at each end of the wall next to the doors. The doors are oak finish with one 4 inch by 48 inch windows located on the inside half near the push plates. Each door was adorned with a brass push plate on each side and spring loaded hinges that allow the doors to open in both directions. Funds remaining from donations to the Parish 50th anniversary fund created in 2007 had been diverted by a previous Vestry to the wall replacement project. A total of \$4800.00 was in the fund. Additional funds for the new door hardware were given by the St. Barnabas Men's Club and Jim Hoefener.

There were no major repairs during 2009. Contractor work was done for minor repairs to the dishwasher, and maintenance completed on the furnaces for the auxiliary building. Patching of the parking lot circle drive and replacement of the 2.5 gallon water heater in the Tudor Hall kitchen was completed by the Saturday morning maintenance crew. The maintenance crew also replaced an electrical lighting ballast was in the outdoor sign in September. The ballast was under warranty and exchanged at Handyman Hardware. The ballast failed again in November. A no charge exchange was made again. At the time of this writing, the new ballast had not been installed due to extremely cold weather

We had one Parish work day on March. Windows were washed, trees trimmed and branches mulched. The work day scheduled for October was cancelled due to the memorial service for Bill Ross.

The Grounds Beautification Committee was led by Jim Hoefener. I greatly appreciate his service, and the effort of his committee to the beautification of the grounds. A separate report on the Beautification Committee can be found in this annual report.

Members of the Saturday morning maintenance crew during 2009 were Sara Henry, John Holmes, David Sinclair, Eldon Beran, Clark Burton, and Bill Ross. Continuing to be with us in spirit and as consultant is David Smith. Additional help was given by Jim Birr and Harry Ragland. The crew experienced a great loss with the passing of Bill Ross in October. Bill's contribution to St. Barnabas will endure for a very long time. We greatly miss his help and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Haefner, Jr. Warden

Pastoral Care

After seven months without a rector in 2008, the Pastoral Care Team was becoming more accustomed to making pastoral calls, often in teams of two. They were also becoming more aware of whom in the parish needed to be visited to assure that they were functioning well at home.

This year we lost one team member, Bill Ross, and one parishioner, Lorraine Bosch, whom the team frequently visited. David Barkley left our family, to move to Kansas City where his daughter, Lydia, could better supervise his care. Besides doing home visits, team members occasionally stepped forward to get groceries for a parishioner. Due to special circumstances, five parishioners helped to clean a parishioner's home one Friday.

During a worship service The Rev. Emery Washington commissioned Michael Dobbs to bring Holy Communion (bread and wine already blessed by a priest) to members of our parish who could not attend church, and to do so representing the whole congregation.

During 2009 Holy Communion was brought to parishioners in their homes or nursing homes on 22 recorded visits, and 34 additional recorded visits were made by the team to parishioners unable to attend church. Some visits were made that did not get recorded, especially those by Bill Ross and Sara Henry to Dave and Janet Smith. Bill and Dave had a close friendship and Bill felt that visiting Dave was an act of close friendship more than his duty as a parishioner. Having visited with Dave since Bill's passing, Dave described how much he looked forward to seeing Bill and Sara, and how much he misses Bill. Dave and Janet look forward to visits from anyone who has the time. Mary Conant had her prayer answered when the Rev. John Good brought her Communion on Christmas Day and stayed to visit with her. Holy Communion was also brought to Olivia Dalton on Christmas Day by Fr. Good and Michael. Mrs. Dalton, a member of Christ Church Cathedral, now resided at St. Catherine Apartments. In January of 2010 she began attending worship at St. Barnabas.

The dedicated members of the Pastoral care Team are: Sara Henry, Judy Skinker, Terry Ford, Lou Murphy, Debbie Haefner, and Michael Dobbs. We have also received assistance from the Rev. Emery Washington, Michael Randolph, and John Good.

Mike Dobbs

Parish Outings

In 2009 there were two organized outings.

Segway Tour – On Sunday, June 7th, a group from St. Barnabas went on a three hour tour using Segways, sponsored by the Science Center. Part of the tour included a stop on the Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Dreamland Palace – August 14th 27 persons rode by bus to this fine German restaurant in Foster Pond, Illinois. This is a family owned restaurant with German ambience and cuisine.

Bill Wardle

Babysitters

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

Debbie Palmer

Outreach

Our parish outreach to the community can be viewed in at least three dimensions. We contribute dollars and supplies (e.g. food, clothing, and toys) to charitable groups; we contribute time to projects like the St. Louis County Juvenile Detention Center birthday parties (sponsored through Episcopal City Mission); and finally we share our building with community organizations such as NA and Al-Anon by providing space for their meetings.

The Hunger Fund in 2009 totaled \$5,701.00 in donations and \$5,988.00 in moneys dispersed (December 2008 contributions fall into 2009 bank deposits), which exceeded the 2009 pledged amount. The moneys were dispersed equally to the Diocesan Hunger Fund and to T.E.A.M. of North County. Also 212 bags and 2 cartons of food were collected by the parish and delivered this year by Roy Schaefer to T.E.A.M.'s food pantry. A lot of individuals and families were fed by these gifts. There is no count available on the number of lives touched by this or our other outreach programs, and no measure of the personal impact on people's lives by receiving these gifts.

The E.C.W. gave \$1576.00 to various charitable causes extending from our parish to the world, as described in their report detailed elsewhere in this publication. They also sponsored the collection of toys, scarves, mittens, and other items for Grace Hill; gathered women's clothing suitable for job interviews for women served by Dress for Success; and socks for Crisis Nursery.

The Men's Club presented a \$500.00 scholarship to Ryden Grames for use towards his college expenses.

Thirty-eight colorful, gift-laden boxes were gathered this year for the Samaritan's Purse Children's Christmas Shoe Box project. Thanks Arbie and Jim Hollenberg for delivering them.

Our Youth Group maintained a stretch of New Halls Ferry Road (Adopt a Highway) on a quarterly system to remove the litter and trash along that road.

The parish gave \$335.00 in two offerings collected for UTO, which reaches across the world in mission grants.

There were three Birthday parties [January 9, May 8, September 11] hosted by our parish at the St. Louis County Detention Center which involved our gifts of time and moneys to bring some cheer and celebration into the lives of these children. See the article on Episcopal City Mission. This is an important and effective hands-on ministry. \$352.75 was spent for pizzas; soda and gifts for the children were donated also by our participants.

Our building was used by several community groups including: NA every Monday for 2 hours; DAR 2nd Tuesdays for 2 hours; CHAMP every Monday for 2 hours; a Girl Scout troop started meeting on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays for 2 hours, but stopped early in the year due to their leader's quitting. Al-Anon meets every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday for 2 hours each; Community Health Screenings occurred twice this year: one for 4 hours and the other for 7 hours. Chris Heckman's Eagle Scout Award ceremony was held on May 23rd in Tudor Hall.

This amounts to over 600 hours of building use. Dollar estimates could be placed on this time as to the heating, cooling, and lighting costs, plus building cleaning. That dollar figure would not add up to the value of those meetings to those individuals in life-style rehab, or to the recipients of the C.H.A.M.P. dogs in improving their functional life style.

My apologies if I have omitted something. Please let me know so I can improve next year's report. These gifts are all from the hearts and souls of our parishioners and the dollars, bags of food, and numbers of socks are not the true measure of our efforts. The lives touched, briefly uplifted, or transformed are immeasurable except by God.

Thanks to everyone at St. Barnabas for their generosity.

Mike Dobbs

Beautification Committee

The aged Dogwood tree in the parking lot island was replaced this past year and a Douglas Fir was planted near the church main entrance, both in memory of Bill Ross by Sara Henry. Also, one Red Maple needed replacing.

This year St. Barnabas benefited from two Eagle Scout projects. Chris Heckman, with the assistance of fellow scouts, assembled a hexagon shaped bench around the tree in our circle drive on a very cold, windy day. For his Eagle Scout project, Luke Burnham designed and directed installation of the patio that enhances the columbarium. Both are quality and professionally detailed additions.

2009 marked the third year since starting the initial effort to improve the church grounds landscaping. These plantings are now maturing and require regular and seasonal maintenance. Because our volunteer group has been significantly reduced, this is a concern. Therefore, planned additional planting have slowed and/or been simplified in scope.

The committee appreciates the continued help of Mary Anselmo, Jay Burnham and sons, John Holmes, Jim & Sheron Howe. Let Amy, (church secretary), know if you can join our work group.

Jim Hoefener

United Thank Offering

The U.T.O offering is a large source that supports the mission of the Episcopal Church in the world. Every penny collected is spent on mission work.

Our spring and fall offering totaled \$335.00. This certainly reflects our response to God's love and his blessings in helping to do his work in the world. Please remember the power of the blue box. Thanks be to God!

Sara Henry, U.T.O coordinator

Scrip

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.

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.

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. Scrip receipts for the year 2009 were \$3,126.31.

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

Harry Goff and Terri Denicke

Episcopal City Mission

This year our church hosted three birthday parties on January 9th, May 8th, and September 11th for the children in the St. Louis County Juvenile Detention Center in Clayton. This involves purchasing around 20 pizzas, bringing 15 or more 2 liter sodas (their favorite is orange), cake is provided by the center, and going to Ted Drewes Custard Stand, which very generously donates concretes for this cause. Besides serving food, three games of BINGO are played with each group. Whoever has a birthday that month receives a birthday card, and a gift that they chose from those present. Then everyone sings “Happy Birthday” to them. The winners of BINGO receive a prize, also.

Sounds like a pretty ordinary Birthday Party, doesn't it? Mary Dobbs encountered a nurse who works at the Juvenile Detention Center and Mary told her about our participation in these parties. The nurse replied that these kids act tough and usually don't show much emotion, especially with respect to happiness. However, the nurse has heard these children admit that no one had ever sung “Happy Birthday” for them, adults had never taken the time to play games with them when they were little, and many had never had any party or gifts given to them.

After hearing Mary relate this conversation, it is embarrassing to discuss this ministry in terms of time and dollars. (That is in the Parish Outreach Report). The thought that we may have touched just one life and changed that child from traveling the path that s/he has stepped upon in err and put him or her on “the path less traveled” touches us to the core.

Special thanks to our hosts and hostesses (who have had the background checks necessary for this program): Karen Birr, Rita Chapman, David Daniels, Terri Denicke, Mike Dobbs, Harry Goff, Sheron Howe, Dave Sinclair, and Bob and Carrie Weisgerber.

This is a very vital ministry. Thank you St. Barnabas' Parish for your continued participation.
Vestry Outreach Committee

Liturgists

The role of liturgist in the Episcopal Church is one of great importance. In the past twenty months liturgist at St. Barnabas have demonstrated Sunday after Sunday just how important liturgist are. They are responsible for assisting the priest in carrying out the service. Duties include , reading of the psalm, bidding the creed, leading prayers, assisting with communion, carrying the book for the reading of the gospel and dismissal. During the eight o'clock service, they are responsible for insuring that appropriate candles are lit and performing the duties normally handled by alcolytes.

In the absence of a rector or supply priest it is the responsibility of the liturgist to lead the parish in the service of morning prayer. In 2008 there were 16 services of morning prayer, in 2009 that number doubled to 32 all led by our sterling crew of dedicated servants. We assisted in one Lenten and one Advent service with Living Christ Lutheran Church. This year a tremendous amount was expected of and from them and was delivered.

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, my personal **Thank You** for making this year a very special one for the St. Barnabas family.
You Are The Best !

Faithfully, Harry Goff

Lectors

Lectors at St. Barnabas play an integral role in the worship services. Their part or place in worship truly come to the forefront in the absence of a full time priest. They are responsible for the Old and New Testament readings. They have displayed an upbeat style in their reading which has added immensely to the rhythm and tone of the service.

Eldon Beran, Millie Beran, Teri Burnham, Clark Burton, Teri Denicke, Mary Dobbs, Mike Dobbs, Ruth Eggers, Holly Garrett, Harry Goff, Lynn Grames, Ron Grames, Sara Henry, Sharon Love, Cam Murphy, Joy Nwanganga, Samuel Nwabaobasi, Harry Ragland, Carolyn Stout, and William Wardle have taken this ministry to a new level and should be congratulated for a job well done.

To you 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 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 got 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 the 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 2009. There are a couple of very young children in the parish, now, so there is the happy prospect of reviving the program in the not too distant future. 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 Grames—or, of course, our new rector.

Ronald Grames, 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: Nichole Birr, Ana Chapman, Ethan Grames, Meri Grames, Ryden Grames, Abby Haefner, Alaina Lair, Andrea Lair, Rosie Nwanganga, and Kelsey Sinclair.

Holly Garrett, Acolyte Warden

Youth Group

In the year 2009 the youth group was fairly active. To start the year the youth group had their annual lock-in. The lock-in took place at the Chesterfield Racquet Club. We were there from 10 pm to 5 or 6 in the morning! There were indoor tennis courts, a basketball court, a swimming pool, hot tub and even a yoga room that we used for people who just wanted quiet or wanted to sleep. Some members also went to the City Museum on May 1st and joined other youth groups in the Diocese. It was a ton of fun. We climbed around in the caves, slid down 'Ginormous' slides and met new people. Members that attended this event were Meri Grames, Ana Chapman, Max Burnham, Chris Heckman, and Kelsey Sinclair.

I would also like to take this time to thank our adult sponsors, Mrs. Birr and Mrs. Burnham. Members of the youth group vary in ages from Middle School age through High School age. Our members last year included Andrea Lair, President, Andrew Lair, Alana Lair, Vice-President; Nicole Birr; Max Burnham; Ethan Grames; Meri Grames, Treasurer; Ana Chapman; Kelsey Sinclair, Secretary; Chris Heckman; and Rosie Nwanganga.

Submitted by Kelsey Sinclair, Youth Group Secretary

Barnabas' Children's Choir

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

Although our numbers have been dwindling, I continue to be amazed at the quality of music this small group can perform. They are always a blessing to the congregation when they "make a joyful noise!" Highlights of the year

- In February, the choir hosted the 11th annual St. Barnabas ice-skating party at the Eagan Center.
- Favorite anthems: May - *Goliath*; Dec. - *Camel Kneel Softly* with Andrea Lair on flute.
- Christmas Eve service - a trio singing the introit "Once in Royal David's City" – Ana Chapman, Meri Games and Kelsey Sinclair with an introduction on the violin by Meri Games. During communion, Ryden and Ethan Games played the hymn "Coventry Carol" on bells and a trio played "Silent Night" (two flutes – Ana Chapman and Kelsey Sinclair, and Meri Games - violin.)

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

My sincere thanks – as always - to the parents for getting your children to church on Sunday morning!

Cindy Vantine, Director

St. Barnabas' Children's Choir

St. Barnabas' Adult Choir

This year has been another successful year for the St. Barnabas Choir. We are proud to have two new members join our choir this year; Jill Stafford (soprano) and Nancy James (alto). To help members practice their music during the week; the St. Barnabas website now has a vocal database on the Choral page that allows members to practice their individual part by selecting the necessary song and then singing along with the computer by playing the downloaded MIDI file. Thanks to Dave Palmer and Ron Games for taking on this project and making it a reality. On Sunday, December 6th, the choir performed "Advent Wonder" with guest flutist, Ms. Colleen Donohue, at the Service of Lessons and Carols at Christ Church Cathedral. We have purchased several new pieces for our Choral Library and we have continued purchasing additional copies of currently owned music so that each member may read from an original copy of music. Also, we have purchased two new robes and purple / red reversible scapulars for our new chorus members. We have been able to afford all of these purchases through individual donations to our chorus program from St. Barnabas members.

Members of the 2009-2010 St. Barnabas Choir

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

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

Leah Rachelle Milton, Director

Adult Christian Education

In Adult Education we are studying the book of Exodus. We are at the point where God has directed Moses to tell the Pharaoh to let God's people go. Pharaoh responded by making the Hebrew people work harder, by getting their own straw. They must not lessen their brick production, however.

The Hebrew people have expressed their anger to Moses, who is now questioning why God put him in this position. We are only one third through this monumental book of the Bible. Why don't you join us?

Clark Burton

Christian Education

The Sunday School Class meets in one group this year, blending activities for elementary through high school students, under the guidance of Lynn Grames and Elizabeth Heckman. This year we are studying the "I am" statements in the Gospel of John. Each statement is explored in the context in which it was presented – when Jesus said "I am..." what would the people hearing that statement have understood based on their day-to-day lives? The greater meanings attributed to each statement is discussed and what the statement meant to each of us. There is also an activity to underscore each statement – for instance, baking bread for "I am the bread of life" and being lead in darkness, (blindfolds), to a revealing light for "I am the light of the world." We incorporated our studies into the Christmas program by presenting these statements from John, and their meaning, through the theme of a birthday party, with the gift being a greater understanding of who Jesus is through the "I am" verses in John.

The 2009 Saturday Vacation Bible School (VBS) included an activity that was started in the Sunday school class in the previous spring – an afternoon matinee of a Star Wars movie, followed by a discussion of the Christian themes of the Jedi knights. The program of the morning, called "May the Spirit Be with You", focused on Bible readings and activities about the Holy Spirit. Our first reading was of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:13-17), and we made dove sand candles. Our second reading was from Acts (Acts 2:1-4) when the disciples received the Holy Spirit. For this reading we made kites utilizing "flames" on the kite tails with words that describe the Holy Spirit. We also had a visit from a service dog – which was fun and impressive at the same time. Lana Maggart, Chris Heckman, and I had a great time leading the children through the day.

Elizabeth Heckman, Christian Educator Coordinator

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild of St. Barnabas is responsible for the preparation of the altar for services and maintenance of the linens, and furnishings. This ministry is carried out by a small but dedicated group. We are grateful to welcome Nancy James to our group and Debbie Haefner and David Sinclair are currently in training. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact me.

Many hands make light work!

Our Sacristans: Teri Burnham, Debbie Haefner, Nancy James, Faith Miller, David Sinclair, Judy Skinker, Janet Smith, and Connie Stewart

Respectfully Submitted

Diana Howarth, Lead Sacristan

Friday Lunches

The lunches held on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the nine program months continued to be very popular in 2009. 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.

Communications

The 2008 Communications Report missed last year's Annual Report Booklet and was published in the March 2009 *Salter*. Deadlines and occasional missing or late articles seem to be some of the headaches of publishing.

The *Salter* and the announcements during the worship service are two essential aspects of communication in our parish. However, that communication is never complete unless every member feels that s/he is a vital part of the communication process, and our attendance is regular.

As 2009 ends, Sr. Warden Dave Sinclair, Jr. Warden Dennis Haefner, Harry Goff (with oversight of worship for the vestry), and Michael Dobbs (oversight of communications) have all felt the weight of the endless march of *Salter* deadlines, and the nagging feeling that some piece of vital information for the parish has been omitted.

Dave and Dennis' warden articles have had to cover more of the church life than usual because of the absence of a rector. Harry Goff was always being squeezed by the 20th of the month *Salter* deadline because he was often awaiting clergy commitments to lead worship services. While working two outside jobs, Harry has done a tremendous effort in providing St. Barnabas with supply priests on as many Sundays as possible. The number of supply priests was limited, as many on the list were committed to helping other churches during their search processes. Canon Dan Smith stated that at one time he had seven parishes in the search process at the same time.

The most responsibility fell to Dave Sinclair, as Sr. Warden, for scheduling meetings with or telephoning Canon Smith, keeping up to date with the Search Committee's progress through Chairperson, Jim Howe, and endeavoring to keep the congregation informed in as complete and sensitive manner as possible. There were also vestry meetings and Dave's daily phone calls to parish secretary, Amy Walling, so that he was aware of the daily nuances in the parish. Amy grew into an unofficial role of administrative assistant to a missing rector and a present Senior Warden with great skill. Keeping the exchange of information current was critical during the search process. Dave, Dennis, Harry, and Amy handled this very well.

When it came to putting this information into print form, Michael Dobbs stepped forward. The front page article became a monthly challenge. Several were written and never used because the status or focus of the parish had changed. Those that were used were the result of several rewrites, expert guidance from Teri Burnham, a professional editor, and from Terri Denicke, who has a keen sensitivity to the parish's potential response to an article. Another challenge with publishing the *Salter*, was making both wardens aware of the key articles' content for the month so that there were no surprises.

I feel that I have grown this year in my ability to write more succinctly, thanks to my tutor, Teri Burnham. I am thankful for the assistance of Dave and Dennis in providing feedback and oversight to the *Salter* and to the parish. Amy deserves far more credit than me for putting out the *Salter*, as she is very

skilled both artistically and with manipulating publishing software. Often Amy adjusted her schedule and the *Salter* layout to articles arriving late.

And without the *Salter* folders: Owen Dye, Terry Ford, Sara Henry, John Holmes, Cam Murphy, Judy Skinker, Bill Wardle, and Millie and Eldon Beran the *Salters* would still be in a pile on a table in Tudor Hall. We miss Lorraine Bosch and Bill Ross who had helped with the assembly of the *Salter*, and Joe Bosch who retired to focus on his ailing wife.

The people mentioned in this article are representative of the many fine parishioners I have come to know over the years. When something needs to be done they step forward. When someone steps down or passes away, their shoes are quickly and skillfully filled. I am writing this as the vestry is in the midst of actually interviewing the three candidates, one of whom is to become our next rector. I have never been more proud to be a member of this parish or more proud of this parish.

I would also like to pass on (“communicate”) a compliment from Canon Dan Smith who highly praised both Dave Sinclair and Jim Howe for their clear, accessible manner in communicating with him about St. Barnabas’ status in the search process, and the parish’s needs.

God bless us all!! And our new rector!!

Mike Dobbs

Web Team

Just a reminder that the St. Barnabas’ Parish Web site 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* and an archive of 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 was 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 also used the Website to post information regarding the parish for rector candidates and to provide links to community information. Candidates mentioned that this was helpful. 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.

We are always looking for new material. We still have the idea to create a “what I love about St. Barnabas’” page which we will be pursuing and will certainly be seeking ideas from our new rector on what should be added or changed. 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

St. Barnabas' Search Committee Annual Report

To paraphrase Bart, the sheriff in Blazing Saddles 'Our work here is done!' The committee has recommended three candidates to the Vestry for the next Rector of our parish. As this is being written, the Vestry is bringing all three into town for interviews with the objective of selecting one to be the Rector of St. Barnabas' parish.

2009 was a busy year for the search committee (Teri Burnham, Rita Chapman, Terri Denicke, Harry Goff, Ron Grames, Debbie Haefner, Dusty Hassler, Lana Maggart, Faith Miller and Jim Howe). Early in the year we concentrated on analyzing the results of our parish survey and brainstorming sessions. Our objective was three-fold – develop a parish profile to send to prospective candidates, develop a Vision and Mission statement for the Vestry and determine the needs of the parish.

Both the Parish Profile and the Vision and Mission statement are available on the parish web site. Also in this time frame we upgraded the parish web site to include information we thought would be helpful for our prospective candidates.

The needs of the parish were then distilled into four responsibilities we would look to in next Rector.

1. Lead liturgically grounded worship & preach inspiring sermons
2. Lead a program for new member recruitment and church growth
3. Foster the spiritual and corporate life of the parish
4. Guide the church administrative practices and shepherd the flock

The focusing on four basic responsibilities was done to accommodate the needs of the Episcopal Church Deployment Office's (CDO) automated search tool. This tool would match our needs with pastors in the church that had the same capabilities. The initial CDO analysis resulted in 80+ candidate personal profiles for us to analyze. These came from the search software and a list suggested by our Diocesan CDO officer, the Rev. Canon Dan Smith. We used advertisements in church publications also. After our review of these candidates' CDO résumés, we selected 36 to invite to apply for the job.

We began getting positive responses to our invitation in early August. With each invitation we got additional information about the candidates (A response to the questions we had posed and a detailed résumé). We reviewed the information they provided and selected seven candidates with which to have phone interviews. These interviews lasted about an hour and were made from the church office using a speaker phone so all the committee could participate (we also used a dial-in conference capability so those on travel could participate). The seven interviews were quite successful and we decided to visit five of the candidates to hear them preach and have a more detailed interview. At the conclusion of these visits, three candidates emerged and the baton was passed to the Vestry.

Jim Howe

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 9:45am 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, Terri Toolen; secretary, Lana Maggart; prayer leader. This is a reminder of why we are meeting and set our hearts and minds to the task ahead. Karen Birr sends birthday cards to the youth. Holly Garrett has been a big help with fundraising ideas. Jill Stafford passes U.T.O (grant money for worthy projects world wide), C.P.C., (bibles and religious books for adults), and Miles of Pennies ,(children's books) collection boxes. A big welcome to our new members, Sharon Love and Charlotte Williams. Sara Henry handles parish U.T.O. ingathering and Priscilla Bauer coordinated the Quiet Circle. Linda Brinkman is our shining star as cashier at the November bake sale.

E.C.W. has many fundraisers, (but you need only look at our budget to realize how many places and things we women contribute to). The Feb. 15th "Hot Dog and not so Spicy Chili Lunch", April 24th and Oct. 25th. Bocce and lunch at the Bocce Club and Nov. 7th Bake Sale and raffle. Our good works are able to be completed through the kindness and generosity of friends and the parish family. As a parish, we participate in projects that have been initiated over the years by E.C.W. These are United Thank Offering (E.C.W. arranged for a presentation), Grace Hill Mitten Tree, (thank you Roy Schaefer and Felix Constant for taking all the wonderful donations to Grace Hill for us), Samaritans Purse, (Arbie and Jim Hollenberg volunteer to take the shoeboxes to the collection site), Dress for Success (E.C.W. arranged for Alisa Barnes to speak about this worthy project), Nov. to Grace Hill and Summer collection to Room at the Inn) and the Quiet Circle,(sadly we were called to help serve the families of Norman Good on Feb. 7th, Mildred Walker on Feb. 9th, Lorraine Bosch on July 15th and Bill Ross on Oct. 24th.)

St. Barnabas is fortunate to have 2 women, Karen Birr and Lana Maggart, on the MO E.C.W. Diocesan Board. Karen as president was able to attend Province 5 in Indianapolis on April 24-26 and The Triennial Meting held in Anaheim on July 8-17. Karen brought back much information about the Church and it's direction. On the local level, the board offered learning and fellowship opportunities for the women of the parish. June 20th, Stg. Barnabas' E.C.W. hosted a special presentation featuring C. H.A.M.P. The Annual meeting was held at St. Timothy. Mary Anselmo was presented a beautiful pin and plaque to commemorate her selection at 46th Triennial Meting Honored Woman of the Year.

This Year we decided summer would be for fun. June we toured the History Museum and lunched at Cicero's. July lunch and shopping at Josephine's in Godfrey, IL. August, we invited the men to also lunch and tour the steel Lustron House in St. Charles.

On behalf of active E.C.W. members I invite you to join us anytime. We end with a lovely lunch and fellowship. You are always welcome!

Respectfully, Mary Anselmo

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church Women Report 2009

	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	Projected 2010 Budget
ADMINISTRATION			
Hospitality, Luncheon Guests	\$60.00	\$32.00	\$60.00
UTO Envelopes	0.00	0.00	0.00
President's Discretionary Fund	40.00	0.00	40.00
Christmas Gift	0.00	0.00	50.00
ECW Postage/Office Supplies/Cards	25.00	0.00	25.00
SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$150.00	\$32.00	\$175.00
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	\$179.00	\$300.00
WHOLE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH			
In The Parish			
St Barnabas Church	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Quiet Circle	150.00	190.00	150.00
SUBTOTAL IN THE PARISH	\$750.00	\$790.00	\$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	50.00	50.00
SUBTOTAL IN THE DIOCESE	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00

In the Nation and the World			
Episcopal Relief and Development	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
Washington Cathedral/Renewed membership	55.00	105.00	55.00
Samaritan's Purse	35.00	56.00	35.00
SUBTOTAL IN THE NATION AND THE WORLD	\$115.00	\$186.00	\$140.00
BUDGET TOTAL	\$1,915.00	\$1,787.00	\$1,990.00

NON BUDGETED ITEMS 2009

Quiet Circle ECW Donations and Gifts

ECW Lunch Donations at Meetings	\$67.00
Gifts	\$100.00

ECW Offering at Meetings

UTO	\$53.00
CPC	\$29.55

Fund Raisers

March, Chili/Hot Dog	275.00
April, Bocci	110.00
October, Bocci	180.00
November, Bakery and Raffle	633.50
Sales and Gift	274.00

TOTAL	\$1,721.55
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ECW Treasurer
Sylvia Robbins

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2009

BALANCE SHEET

	31-Dec-09	31-Dec-08
Assets		
Cash		
Checking account	116,305.39	52,587.16
Money market account	28,606.37	28,552.82
Petty cash	20.00	20.00
	144,931.76	81,159.98
Endowment fund investments		
	102,099.65	93,212.34
	102,099.65	93,212.34
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
	632,200.76	632,200.76
Total assets	879,232.17	806,573.08
Liabilities		
Mortgage		
	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Net Worth	879,232.17	806,573.08
Liabilities & Net Worth	879,232.17	806,573.08

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CASH DETAIL

	31-Dec-09	31-Dec-08
Funds		
Operating	137,638.64	66,943.93
Capital	1,875.63	3,593.85
Endowment	793.95	488.95
Hunger	462.00	749.00
Memorial	1,575.61	657.16
Youth group	2,325.35	1,946.35
Men's club	1,209.48	1,635.97
Altar guild	1,462.80	1,382.94
Choir fund	128.69	25.49
Kitchen	365.87	1,143.75
50th anniversary fund	0.00	4,833.20
Columbarium fund	900.00	0.00
Scrip	(4,799.85)	(2,705.97)
In/Out	993.59	465.36
Total Cash	144,931.76	81,159.98

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	2009	2010	2009
	Actual	Budget	Budget
RECEIPTS			
Pledge payments	139,110.25	118,725.00	124,476.00
Plate offerings	4,656.20	3,000.00	2,600.00
Non-pledge payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seasonal offerings	1,599.91	1,600.00	2,000.00
Church group contributions	0.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Outside group contributions	1,595.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Tower lease income	12,579.39	12,500.00	12,400.00
Endowment fund income	3,497.37	3,500.00	3,400.00
Script commission	3,126.31	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest income	53.55	50.00	50.00
Other income	2,803.34	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Operating Receipts	<u>169,021.32</u>	<u>146,275.00</u>	<u>152,026.00</u>
Debt reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital fund	7,522.20	1,865.00	2,225.00
Endowment fund	305.00	325.00	295.00
Hunger fund	5,701.00	5,486.00	2,668.00
Memorial fund	2,301.25	0.00	0.00
Youth group fund	633.00	0.00	0.00
Men's club fund	1,996.00	0.00	0.00
Altar guild fund	1,255.00	0.00	0.00
Choir fund	700.00	0.00	0.00
Kitchen fund	1,688.00	0.00	0.00
50th anniversary fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbarium fund	900.00	0.00	0.00
Script receipts	51,875.00	0.00	0.00
In/out receipts	5,257.06	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Operating Receipts	<u>80,133.51</u>	<u>7,676.00</u>	<u>5,188.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>249,154.83</u>	<u>153,951.00</u>	<u>157,214.00</u>

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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	2009	2009	2009
	Actual	Budget	Budget
DISBURSEMENTS			
Operating Expenses			
Stipend	0.00	40,583.00	11,150.00
Housing allowance	0.00	11,667.00	5,150.00
Auto allowance	0.00	1,667.00	1,500.00
Health, life etc	0.00	8,000.00	4,977.00
Pension premium	0.00	9,750.00	3,200.00
403(b)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supply clergy	6,600.00	1,050.00	5,600.00
Continuing education	0.00	500.00	250.00
Discretionary fund	0.00	100.00	100.00
Moving expense	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Search expenses	4,527.41	5,000.00	15,000.00
Total Rector	11,127.41	83,317.00	51,927.00
Secretary	11,763.25	12,500.00	12,304.00
Organist	5,743.02	5,915.00	5,743.00
Organist replacement	400.00	300.00	300.00
Choir director	3,678.02	3,788.00	3,678.00
Parish nurse	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth babysitter	(15.00)	0.00	50.00
Salary taxes	1,620.87	1,700.00	1,673.00
Payroll fees	411.05	420.00	400.00
Workmen's comp	840.00	900.00	700.00
Total Other Personnel	24,441.21	25,523.00	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

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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2009 Budget
Advertising	126.00	125.00	100.00
Copier	2,712.56	2,800.00	3,500.00
Office supplies	1,961.53	2,000.00	1,600.00
Postage	543.00	700.00	700.00
Published music	164.90	200.00	300.00
Total Administration	<u>5,507.99</u>	<u>5,825.00</u>	<u>6,200.00</u>
Electric	4,238.56	4,800.00	4,500.00
Gas	4,950.00	5,000.00	4,500.00
Hauling	401.16	500.00	650.00
Telephone	1,967.44	2,000.00	1,800.00
Water & sewer	1,732.92	1,800.00	1,000.00
Total Utilities	<u>13,290.08</u>	<u>14,100.00</u>	<u>12,450.00</u>
Church insurance	9,451.00	9,500.00	9,000.00
Custodial services	3,900.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Grounds maintenance	3,667.56	4,000.00	5,500.00
Repairs & maintenance	3,064.75	3,000.00	2,500.00
Total Building Maintenance	<u>20,083.31</u>	<u>20,500.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
Diocesan fair share	20,894.04	21,065.00	20,800.00
Convocation delegate	195.00	500.00	500.00
Outreach	123.85	0.00	0.00
Total Outside Parish	<u>21,212.89</u>	<u>21,565.00</u>	<u>21,300.00</u>
Other	2,663.72	2,500.00	1,200.00
Total Other	<u>2,663.72</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>98,326.61</u>	<u>173,930.00</u>	<u>139,525.00</u>

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TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2009

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2009 Budget
Non-Operating Expense			
Mortgage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital fund	9,240.42	1,865.00	2,225.00
Endowment fund	0.00	325.00	295.00
Hunger fund	5,988.00	5,486.00	2,668.00
Memorial fund	1,382.80	0.00	0.00
Youth Group Fund	254.00	0.00	0.00
Men's club fund	2,422.49	0.00	0.00
Altar guild fund	1,175.14	0.00	0.00
Choir fund	596.80	0.00	0.00
Kitchen Fund	2,465.88	0.00	0.00
50th anniversary fund	4,833.20	0.00	0.00
Columbarium fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Script disbursements	53,968.88	0.00	0.00
In/out disbursements	4,728.83	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Operating Expense	87,056.44	7,676.00	5,188.00
 Total Expenses	 185,383.05	 181,606.00	 144,713.00
 SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			
 Operating Surplus (Deficit)	 70,694.71	 (27,655.00)	 12,501.00
 Total Surplus (Deficit)	 63,771.78	 (27,655.00)	 12,501.00
 Cash balance in operating fund at beginning of year		 137,638.64	
Budgeted cash balance in operating fund at year end		109,983.64	

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 31, 2009
ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

	31-Dec-09	31-Dec-08
Assets		
Cash		
A G Edwards	627.97	449.48
Dividend Growth Fund	0.00	0.00
Intermediate Term Bond Fund	0.00	0.00
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	627.97	449.48
Mutual Funds		
Vanguard Dividend Growth	74,315.76	62,522.29
Vanguard Intermediate Bond	9,854.87	9,652.63
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	84,170.63	72,174.92
Stocks		
Ameren UE	17,301.05	20,587.94
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	17,301.05	20,587.94
Diocesan Investment Trust		
Cash Equivalents	0.00	0.00
Bond Fund	0.00	0.00
Equity Fund	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00
 Total Assets	 <hr/> <hr/>	 <hr/> <hr/>
	102,099.65	93,212.34

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT
 December 31, 2009

FINANCIAL CHANGE

Beginning balance	93,212.34
Purchases	0.00
Earnings	3,037.27
Withdrawals	(2,858.78)
Market adjustment	8,708.82
Ending balance	102,099.65

Pledge Registrar and Bursars

We were 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 2009:

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 Mille	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. 2009 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 never least, Roy Schaefer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Anselmo

Dollar and Dish

2009 showed a resurgence of interest in this parish social activity and more dinners were scheduled than in 2008. The origin of these dinners was in the 1970's and was started by young couples. Okay many of those couples still attend and middle aged might be more accurate, but the dinners are open to all parishioners, regardless of age.

These dinners are traditionally held on the fourth Friday of the month from September through May and start at 7:00 pm. The November dinner usually yields to Thanksgiving and is held on the first Friday of December. Each person or couple brings a side dish, salad, or dessert to complement the host's main entrée. To offset the cost of the entrée, it is the custom of the guests to place a dollar each in a designated bowl or basket; thus the name "Dollar n' Dish."

The dinners are open to all parishioners. This is an easy way to get to know other parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere. One need only to call the host family to let them know your intentions and to ask what one might bring. That way we don't end up with 6 or 7 deserts as happened some years ago.

For more information you can contact the following, who often attend: Ken & Pat Hoppe, Sharon Love, John & Debbie Palmer, Jim & Sheron Howe, Teri and Jay Burnham, Tony & Dottie Bertolino, Clark Burton, Terri Denicke, Harry Goff, Jim & Arbie Hollenberg, Lou & Cam Murphy, Dave & Diana Palmer, Bob & Carrie Weisgerber, and Bruce & Cindy Vantine.

We look forward to your joining us and to the continuance of this fine tradition.

Mike and Mary 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.