

# **Saint James Episcopal Church**

## **Annual Reports of 2010**

prepared for the Annual Meeting

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### **Parish Vision Statement**

St. James Church is a Christ-centered, compassionate and nurturing parish that provides an inviting and intimate atmosphere within the Anglo-Catholic tradition where all people can be strengthened through spiritual formation and a life of service to neighbor.

We do this through  
worship,  
social outreach,  
prayer,  
giving,  
study  
and fellowship.

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## **ACOLYTES' REPORT**

Saint James' Acolytes continued to serve faithfully at God's Altar in 2010. The Acolyte Leader position, which has not been filled since 2009, continued to be assumed by Deacon Douglas. He is hopeful a new leader comes forth.

Many thanks to the following people who served during the past year: Dana Beckett, Mina Dishong, Dcn. Elise Feyerherm (now Mother Elise), Ron Gardner, Allison Meena, Heather Meena, Robbie Wicks, Clark Wicks, Janet Bailey, Bruce Beckman, Mac Stewart, John Osmond, Todd Colquitt, Matt Couch, Alex Martin, Jim Blazer, Sasha Killewald, Jason Pratti, Jim Turner and Paul Scanlan. A training will be held on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> for people wanting to be trained as an acolyte for 2011.

The Rev'd Deacon Douglas Argue

## **ARMENIAN ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

The Congregation of St. James began its enormous outreach program many years ago, opening their hearts and the Church to the Armenians of Central and Southern Ohio. Armenia is a small landlocked country formally part of the Soviet Republic of Russia. It is possible that we are the smallest ethnic group in Central and Southern Ohio. Armenia was the first nation to accept Christianity as its national religion in 304 A.D.

The Armenian congregation is made up of Armenians from Ethiopia, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, American Armenians from Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and Southern Ohio and Non-Armenians. Our community has grown with new families who have moved to this area. Many Armenians came to this country from the former Soviet Republics and have made their homes in this area and have succeeded in their work and financial enterprises.

The mission and outreach of the Armenian Church of Columbus is a truly communal and spiritual offering aided by the Congregation of Saint James and Mother Lynn encouraging us to use the facilities of Saint James for our meetings to enable networking among ourselves for jobs, housing and all the social needs for living in America and above all to hold Christian Services in our own Language.

We are blessed that a new priest Father Martiros Hakobyan was appointed for the Cleveland Church and he is our visiting priest. He brings energy, experience and spiritual dedication to our mission parish. Father Martiros was assigned to fulfill his obligation as Cleveland Clinic's resident clergy which took up most of his time until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

We have been able to have five Church services and two services at the park with picnics following. The beautiful liturgy was sung under the shade of the trees.

A donation of \$1000.00 was given to Mother Lynn and the Congregation of St. James. We are thinking that the money can be used to have the dining room chairs cleaned and painted. We also hope to resume our monthly meetings and arranging fund raising projects for this coming year.

Our officers this year are:

Chairman:	Arpi Roach PhD
Vice Chairman:	Emil Davitian
Treasurer:	Ohannes Tchobanian
Secretary:	Kevork Hunanyan

Advisors:  
Drs. Melkon and Siran Hajinazarian  
Margaret Tchobanian

Respectfully submitted:  
Arpi Roach, Chairman

### **B.R.E.A.D. JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM**

Several parishioners are participating on this year's B.R.E.A.D. Justice Ministry Team: Amy Barron, John Osmond, Ken Powers, Jim Turner and Meribah Mansfield, deacon school intern. B.R.E.A.D. (Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity) is an interfaith, multi-denominational group based in Central Ohio which seeks to address core public issues pertaining to crime, safety, jobs, poverty, and education. B.R.E.A.D. represents 50 congregations and more than 40,000 people. Issues addressed include access to health care, transportation, education and affordable housing. Each year, volunteers from congregations work from September until May to identify, research and solve a big community problem. This year, B.R.E.A.D. is working on the area of Crime and Violence. B.R.E.A.D. meetings that parishioners from St. James have attended are:

- October 23, 2010 Rethinking Justice workshop
- October 24, 2010 Justice Ministry Team meeting at St. James
- October 25, 2010 Team Assembly (meeting of teams from all congregations)
- November 14, 2010 Justice Ministry Team meeting at St. James
- November 15, 2010 Annual Assembly, attended by over 500 people
- December 6, 2010 Research Kick-off meeting
- January 13, 2011 Research Committee meeting
- January 25 and 27, 2011 research interviews with community officials
- January 30, 2011 Justice Ministry Team meeting at St. James

Team members will now invite parishioners to participate in St. James' Justice Ministry Network, which will meet at church on February 27, 2011. Network members will attend a Rally on April 4, 2011 and bring three people with them to the Nehemiah Action meeting on May 2, 2011. Over 3,500 people are expected to attend this meeting to advocate to public officials to make our community a more just place to live. We would like as many parishioners from St. James as possible to participate in this important social justice ministry by attending the Nehemiah Action meeting.

For more information, ask any Justice Ministry Team member or go to [www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Meribah Mansfield  
Deacon School Intern

### **CARE OF BUILDING - 2010**

Efforts this past year included regular maintenance jobs as well as general cleaning of the building. Most projects did not involve much expense, just time.

Weekly cleaning entails some dusting, vacuuming all carpets, emptying trash (transporting recyclables to recycle center), mopping non-carpeted floors, cleaning/disinfecting bathrooms, replenishing towels and paper as needed. Sometimes, extra help is needed for a more thorough cleaning.

Furnace filters are replaced on a three-month schedule (purchased from Palmer-Donavan). The schedule for this is posted in the "furnace room." Light bulbs are replaced as needed. Replacing some of the bulbs involves using the ladder and handling large florescent fixtures.

There is a light at the peak of the building at the rear of the church that does not work. If it worked, it would illuminate the parking lot. From the ground, it appears there is a solar eye that operates the light automatically at dusk and dawn. This light bulb may be burned out. A very tall ladder is needed for repair and/or replacement probably by an electrician.

Carpet Cleaning:

It is my opinion that the carpets are beyond the do-it-yourself stage. I recommend professional carpet cleaners. I will glad to be available for the estimates and work if vestry desires.

Projects that I will do in 2011:

Painting the SE walls and ceiling and down the stairwell and hallway.

Cleaning and waxing the SE entrance floor and stairs.

Repairing two plumbing leaks.

Replace the plastic sign cover.

Repair two window sills.

In addition to the above projects, I will continue to be responsible for cleaning supplies, light bulbs and furnace filters and taking recycables to the recycle center. Instead of cleaning every week, I will clean the first week of each month only.

For information (electrical)

Peter Frickel located the circuit for the outside northwest porch. Also, lighting for the sign and spotlight on front lawn behind the sign. We believe it's on a timer. Since I am not there at different times of night, I do not know if it works. The timer should be located and set if need be.

The window sill behind the church next to the alley needs to be replaced.

Mark H. Gordon

## **CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

### **Curriculum**

During 2010 Christian Formation for children at St. James continued to develop its curriculum. Having used the Rotation model for a few years, we have shifted to a new curriculum called "Weaving God's Promises," written by the Rev. Canon Joanna Leiserson on the staff of Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati. This curriculum focuses on the central stories and themes of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures and roots its lessons in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. The teachers and assistants have responded positively to the clear structure and thorough background of each lesson, and we look forward to continuing to use this program.

### **Attendance**

We have welcomed a number of new families and their children to our program, but attendance

continues to be uneven. We are seeking ways to encourage families to be more regular in their participation so that the children can reap the full benefits of our program.

### **Staffing & Teacher formation**

Teachers and assistants in our Church School have included: Janet Bailey, Amy Barron, Martha Beckett, Dana Beckett, Isabel Brown, Jennifer Couch, Mina Dishong, Kate Fisher, Barbara Fletcher, Joy McCorriston, Jason Prati, and Eric Reasoner. Lay leadership in the children's program has been strengthened. Monthly teachers' meetings were established this fall so that we can more regularly plan ahead and support one another in preparing lessons; we now have scheduled meetings on the second Saturday of every month, at 10:30 am.

### **The "Tabernacle"**

We continue to enjoy the redecorated basement area, which has been named the "Tabernacle" after the portable temple carried by the Israelites as they wandered for forty years in the wilderness. We would like to continue to renovate and revive this space, especially as we are beginning to use it for worship as well as formation activities. We are currently looking for a more suitable table to use as an altar for family masses and would like to decorate the area more fully.

### **Family Masses**

In October we celebrated our first "Family Mass" in the Tabernacle. This is a full liturgy for children and their families, held approximately once a month, which takes place during the 10:30 mass in the church. This offers the children an opportunity to experience Holy Eucharist "close up" in a more informal setting; Mother Elise has been leading these masses and has used them as an opportunity to teach families more about the Eucharist. Responses so far have been very positive. We are looking for a more suitable table to use for an altar.

I want to conclude with some reflections from Kenda Creasy Dean, a professor of Christian education at Princeton Theological Seminary:

"People don't want to coerce their kids into faith. Often parents say, "We want to expose our kids to religion. Then we're going to let them choose for themselves." That's naïve. Teaching is not indoctrination or coercion. It's purposefully passing on something that matters. We talk about it, model it and construct opportunities to practice it. We don't just expose our children to things that matter. Can you imagine the disaster we'd have if we simply "exposed" teenagers to driving? We teach them to drive because driving well matters. Why are we more concerned about teaching teenagers to drive than to follow Christ?"

Children's Christian formation is one of the most important things we can do as a people of faith – I hope we can continue to strengthen our program at St. James, because our faith matters, and it matters to us that our children learn about this rich gift from God!

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Elise A. Feyerherm

## DEACON'S REPORT 2010

Thank you all for allowing me to continue serving with this wonderful parish. I am blessed to have such a supportive place to call home as I serve the needs of the world. Below are some details of the things that I have been involved with over the last year as deacon:

1. I continue to work full-time at COHHIO working on behalf of the homeless and those with low-income who need adequate housing. Over the past year I have been specifically involved with policy related to permanent supportive housing and Medicaid. The agency advocates have focused on the foreclosure crisis.
2. Mother Lynn and I continue to meet on a regular basis and I have attended Vestry meetings as I could.
3. I assisted others in the congregation to make and deliver 1200 meals on Thanksgiving Day. I also wish to recognize the numerous people that assisted with donations and deliveries for that special day. Thank you!!
4. As the "Convener for the Community of Deacons", I have been focused on bringing all the deacons together in a more cohesive manner to strengthen the diaconate in the diocese. Connected to that are the following activities:
  - a. Overseeing the post-ordination residency for deacons
  - b. Chairing the Deacons Council
  - c. Working with the Diocese of Ohio alongside Canon Karl Ruttan to combine the education process of deacons in our two dioceses
  - d. Teaching at Deacons School
  - e. Providing pastoral care for deacons as it is needed
  - f. Working more with Clintonville Resource Center and was elected as a board member of CRC in Nov 2010.
  - g. Though the service committee has no official chair, I continue to gather people for Service Committee meetings.
  - h. I started a formal education program to become a certified spiritual director at the urging of the Bishop and others in the diocese. This process will be complete in May 2013.
  - i. I attended my first national gathering of deacons in Chicago in June 2010.
  - j. My preaching schedule was increased to once every six weeks.

Finally, I continue to be a voice and presence for St. James in the community and diocese. I regularly speak out against oppression and violence that occurs in our world. My on-going task will be to bring that voice and presence to each of you so that you, too, can add your voice and presence to the life that we are called to in Christ.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deacon Douglas Argue

## ECW ANNUAL REPORT 2010

### Mission Statement:

The Episcopal Church Women of St. James Church will: Provide an opportunity to nourish women as Christians; build lasting friendships through fellowship with each other; promote spiritual learning; and provide service to our church, community and the world.

In keeping with our mission statement, the ECW held a variety of programs, fundraisers, and service projects. We meet the third Monday of the month at 7pm in the Lamborne room. All women of St. James are invited to attend.

Program highlights for the 2010 year included guest speakers and a "Meet and Greet" evening. Speakers this year were Mother Elise and Father Frank Edmunds. From them we learned about prayer and "green" initiatives.

Six guests attended the May "Meet and Greet".

Another enjoyable time of fellowship is our annual Christmas party, held at Nora Huber's home.

During our devotional time, various members provide prayers, poems, Bible passages, and books for thought and discussion. All members are encouraged to attend the ECW Diocesan Conference which includes fellowship and spiritual guidance. This year's attendees included Roberta Gordon, Jean Hoitsma, Isabel Brown and Barb Fletcher.

In our work toward providing service to our church, community, and the world, two fund raisers were held: our annual "Tea and Treasure" Silent Auction in April and the "Rose Sunday Shoppe" in December. Thanks to the generous support of St. James members, we were able to contribute to our local CRC and our Episcopal Church supported Millennium Development Goals.

Much discussion and planning started and is on-going about how to best initiate recycling at St. James and be good stewards of the earth in all areas of our lives.

Baking cookies for the Thanksgiving dinners, providing baptismal towels, making cards for shut-ins, giving to UTO, hosting receptions, picnics, and cleaning and organizing the kitchen and refrigerators are a few other ways the ECW women try to be of service.

The following officers served during 2010: President: Roberta Gordon, Vice President: Jean Hoitsma, Secretary: Barb Fletcher, Treasurer: Julia Davis, Historian: Danielle Raymond, Vestry liaison: Martha Beckett, Sunshine Chair: Katie Votaw, UTO Chair: Isabelle Brown

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Fletcher

## **EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS**

Eucharistic Visitors take the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood to those who are homebound or otherwise unable to attend the regular worship of the Church. The E.V.s are sent out with a prayer and commission directly from the Sunday morning mass and share the Sacrament with those whose visits are scheduled for that day.

*The Book of Occasional Services* of The Episcopal Church describes the Eucharist as "an act of the whole community of faith" and as "a summons to all the baptized to share in the table of the Lord." It stipulates that the functions of the Eucharistic Visitor include:

Directly following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist on Sunday or other Principal Celebrations, if so authorized by the Member of the Clergy in charge of the Congregation and especially licensed thereto by the Bishop, taking the Sacrament consecrated at the Celebration to those members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity were unable to be present at the Celebration . . . In this way, those who are unable to participate regularly in the worship of the Eucharistic assembly may nevertheless experience their relation to the community and also join their personal faith and witness to that of their community.

Special training is required of all Eucharistic Visitors. This includes instruction on the Rite of the Distribution of Holy Communion as described in the *Book of Occasional Services* and on how to handle the sacrament and the communion kit. Instruction in Safe Church practices is also required before a license may be granted by the Bishop.

The congregation currently has a few members who are in need of these visits; the visits have largely been made by the Rector or other members of the clergy this past year. However, we would like to reinvigorate this lay ministry within the congregation. Those licensed Eucharistic Visitors at St James are John Osmond, Eric Reasoner, Jim Turner, and Jane Christy. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the Rector.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev'd Lynn Carter-Edmands, Rector

## **GARDEN WILDLIFE HABITAT**

The spring season had the usual rainy days with many of them occurring on the weekends when most folks would be available to work in the garden. The spring clean-up/preparation progressed slowly during the entire spring season. As a result, the garden work became quite challenging. After two unsuccessful scheduled work days, Mark and I tended the garden as we were able and others helped out on a few occasions. However, some habitat members took care of the birdbath on a regular basis.

Earth Day was celebrated on April 18 at St. James. The habitat team sponsored coffee hour providing an assortment of brunch goodies. Martha Beckett and Barb Fletcher were the puppeteers with Roberta Gordon narrating for a monarch butterfly performance – entertaining and informative. Earth Day-related brochures and fact sheets were distributed. Roberta assisted the children in planting zinnia seeds into trays to be planted later into the butterfly garden.

The Wildlife Habitat garden became home to some heirloom tomato plants that were installed along the back fence by Eric Reasoner and Terry Valentine who nurtured them all summer using sustainable and organic methods. Many pounds of organic tomatoes were donated to the

Clintonville Community Resource food pantry. I know for a fact that they tasted delicious and refreshing on a hot summer day.

**The major project** for the summer – the plants (many were weeds) were removed from the bed along the north fence that borders the neighbor, the ground was tilled and prepared for new shrubs. Native junipers were purchased with funds donated by the ECW from the Tea and Treasure sale. The junipers and mulch totaled \$388.00. There remains approximately 8-10 ft. of the border to be completed this year if funds become available. As these evergreen junipers mature, they will hide the chain link fence, provide nesting and cover for the birds, and will be much easier to maintain.

The area that was renovated in 2009 (the bed opposite the butterfly garden and back of the neighbor's garage) is looking very nice – the shrubs are growing and filling in the area as planned.

The unsightly bed by the back door next to the parking lot required much weed wacking, some chemicals, more wacking and hacking to kill out some of the weeds and plants that had taken over the area. The remaining shrubs have wildlife value insofar as providing berries and cover. The area was heavily mulched – hopefully, this will take care of the weed problem in this area. The juniper that was planted in 2009 is growing well by the walk.

The two diseased trees (one a crab apple in the front and the other the purple plum in the Memorial Garden) were removed by Deacon Douglas and Russell – a huge undertaking. Thanks to both for a great job. Money was saved by not having to use an outside tree service. Now that the front tree is gone, so is the shade that it cast on the front hosta bed. As with all gardens, things constantly change and adjustments need to be made. Therefore, the hostas that do better in shade will be installed elsewhere. When funds are available, the bed will be planted with shrubs that correspond to those opposite the walk. Incidentally, that bed also needs some adjustment – some of the plants grew larger than expected and need to be moved to the back of the bed. Spring will be a good time to do that.

Weeding is the major activity of summer gardening as well as handling all the debris that a large garden generates. Sweeping and/or blowing the sidewalks follows the weeding to keep things looking neat.

After the leaves had fallen (late in fall), a work day was scheduled. Volunteers worked together to prepare the property for winter. Much was accomplished:

- Leaves were raked/shredded/distributed for mulch
- Ivy was removed from the church
- Trees were “limbed up”
- Shrubs were pruned
- Debris removed to composting facility
- Perennials cut back (left some for seeds for the birds)
- Dead annuals removed
- Birdbath cleaned
- All walks swept

Lunch was cooked, served and cleaned up by the ECW.

When the old mower gave up, a new lawn tractor was donated to St. James enabling Blair McGinnis to continue mowing each week. Thank you, Blair.

**Future project** - The church property would benefit from renovating the south side of the church along the alley. In the spring, the area looks great with the blooming bulb plants. Then, by early

summer, it is overrun with weeds. The only way to maintain it is to use the weed wacker on it. With appropriate preparation, it is an ideal spot for some large native shrubs (viburnum, oak leaf hydrangea, bottlebrush buckeye) that would bloom at various times, provide for wildlife and look great. If it was then heavily mulched, weeding could be kept to a minimum. A project like this would be expensive as well as require some strenuous work. One option for funding would be to ask for shrubs to be donated either in thanksgivings or in memory. Years ago, the crab apples out front were purchased by donations from the congregation.

**How does one garden without tools?** Someone asked me this question this past year. St. James does not own hand tools such as pruners and sturdy trowels for digging weeds up by the roots. When Mark and I are at church gardening, we bring all of our tools. But if someone wants to help out at other times when we are not at church, they may not be able to if they do not own tools. This is a major problem that needs to be addressed.

In conclusion, I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to help develop the St. James Wildlife Habitat. But, in order to maintain the habitat, several persons are needed for weeding, pruning, gathering/bagging garden debris and sweeping. One does not need to be a gardener to volunteer for the habitat team. Parents are encouraged to include their children in wildlife habitat gardening activities. Bring along a magnifying glass and get up close and personal with those living creatures who share our space with us. I feel certain that God loves them a bunch and wants us to love them too. Many American Indians believe that animals (including insects) are our relatives and should be treated with respect. Sounds like a good idea.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta Gordon

## **JUNIOR WARDENS' REPORT**

Over the past year St. James has had several changes to its building and grounds.

- In February, we dealt with water damage leaking into the church basement/Lamborne Room due to ice build up on the gutters. The gutters and downspouts were damaged. We filed an insurance claim and got a new gutter system with straps that are designed to hold a lot of ice (should we encounter ice storms in the future)
- We took the old laminate flooring out of the Lamborne room and had new flooring installed. This new floor is waterproof which should extend the floor's life.
- We stored the undamaged laminate flooring from the Lamborne room with a plan to install it in the sacristy as that floor is in poor repair.
- Jim fixed the window in the office door (twice) due to break ins – the church was re-keyed.
- Several dead/dying trees were pruned/cut down this fall

There have been several cleaning days held to try and maintain a clean environment in and around the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve and Julie Young

Jim Turner

## **MINISTERS AT COMMON PRAYER**

Besides the ministry of the acolytes, many others serve as leaders of our worship. Our Eucharistic Ministers this year have been Bruce Beckman, John Osmond, Tina Wicks and Mac Stewart at the 8:00 a.m. mass, and Janet Bailey, Matthew Couch, Ron Gardner, Todd Colquitt, Jane Dishong, Alex Martin, Mina Dishong, Dana Beckett, and Eric Reasoner at the 10:30 a.m. mass.

Mary Louise Thomas, Ellie Lillico, Jim Turner, Tina Wicks and Meribah Mansfield have served as lectors at the 8:00 a.m. mass, while Jim Branscom, Cindy Kollmer, Elise Feyerherm, Blair McGinnis, Roberta Gordon, Diana McCullough, Alex Martin, Ron Tadeo, Martha Beckett, Brian Franz, Meghan Western, Wendy Panzner, Joe Panzner, Jason Prati and Ken Powers have served at the 10:30 a.m. mass.

Our ushers have been ably led by David Fawcett, and they include Richard Smelker, Ed and Marty Jones, Grant Cooke, David, Eric and Matthew Fawcett, John Shaver, Paul Staley and others who have stepped in to assist.

These persons add greatly to our worship throughout the year, and we are grateful for their commitment and ministry to us all. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact David Fawcett, and contact either Mother Lynn or Deacon Douglas if you wish to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, Visitor, or Lector.

Respectfully,

The Rev'd Deacon Douglas Argue

## **MUSIC PROGRAM**

2010 was a good year for the Music Program at St. James. In addition to supporting the Liturgy regularly at Sunday High Mass, the choir sang at several Feast Day services, Christmas Eve and Holy Week Masses, and several funerals.

Since January 1, 2010 Larry Hayes serves as our Organist/Choir Director, and was appointed to this position after a short stint as Interim in 2009. St. James choir is a dedicated group of volunteers who rehearse weekly on Sunday mornings at 8:30am to prepare music for the 10:30am High Mass, and as needed to prepare for Feast Day services and other special events. 2010 was a rebuilding year for the choir – a confluence of circumstances saw several long-time members moving away from the area during the year, or retiring and traveling or spending time with family. We are interested to grow our choir's membership, with a goal of 4 regular singers in each section – Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass - and need additional singers in each section. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please speak with Larry Hayes or any choir member.

Looking forward, there is one big item on the Music Program wish list for 2011, one that is free of financial cost. We want to further catalog the choir music library of 600+ anthems to include

references/tagging to Liturgical Season and Year and specific scripture readings, to more efficiently select and prepare music aligned with the Revised Common Lectionary. Previous completed efforts have included building an index of Title and Composer. We welcome your interest and availability to undertake this cataloging project.

With gratitude,

Larry

### **SAINT JAMES NURSERY**

The care of our youngest children on Sunday mornings is supported through our annual budget. Rita Hollingsworth and Collette Peugeot continue as our regular paid nursery staff, providing consistency as well as two familiar faces for our children and their parents. On occasions nursery care has been covered by Mina Dishong and by volunteers. Currently, the rector oversees the Nursery staff.

The Rev'd Lynn Carter-Edmands, Rector

### **ORGAN FUND**

The Organ Fund Committee repaid \$ 571 to the Rainy Day Fund this year through fund raising efforts which included a Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Raffle. An additional \$ 251 was received through other donations.

Many thanks to Meredith and Carolyn Beckett for their work in organizing the Craft Fair in November. It was a great success and well attended. Many of the vendors asked to be kept informed of our next craft fair. Thanks to the many volunteers who also helped make the day run so smoothly, Jean and Betty Brown, Joe Blazer, Dana Beckett, Elizabeth Zehala, the ladies of ECW, Janet Bailey and especially all our members who came out to support us as vendors and shoppers!

There is an outstanding balance of \$ 4101.38 left to be repaid to keep our promise of the new organ incurring no cost to St. James'. We have several ideas for fund raising being discussed. A coffee house/open mic night, a new CD, an ice cream social among the ideas.

My thanks to the members of our committee Eric Reasoner, Andrea Plant and Joe and Wendy Panzner.

There will be a meeting of the committee called in late February. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please speak with Martha Beckett.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Beckett  
614.436.2371  
mabwincov@gmail.com

## **PARISH SECRETARY'S REPORT**

I wish to thank those who have volunteered in the parish office during the past year. I would especially like to thank Sharon Thompson who has tirelessly worked each Thursday in the parish office to make sure bulletins and worship materials are folded and ready for the Sunday masses and has mailed announcements to parishioners who are unable to attend services. I would also like to thank Mark Gordon for keeping the parish office clean and functional. If I forgot to mention anyone, please know that your assistance is no less appreciated.

I have continued to update and adjust the parish web site during 2009. I am very pleased that I am able keep our web site updated on a regular (generally weekly) basis. I have received many comments both from parishioners and from folks outside the parish (via email) about how attractive and useful they find our web site. Many thanks to folks for their comments/constructive criticisms as these are helpful to me in knowing what people want to see on the site

I have enjoyed working during the past year with Mother Lynn and look forward to continue serving the parish during 2011.

Sincerely,  
David Homan, Parish Secretary

## **PARISH TREASURER REPORT**

I want to thank Todd Colquitt, the finance liaison for the vestry, with working to make sure the reporting provided brings value to the vestry. This year the reporting has brought consistency which helps in that understanding. There has also been very good feedback on what additional communications would be helpful. Tracking of extra-ordinary income and expenses is one of those items. The music program is still working to raise funds to cover the overrun on the organ installation. We also still have insurance proceeds that we need to track how they are spent.

Cash flow remains a concern. By the end of January, the mission share for 2010 had been paid in full. This is earlier than in prior years. We did need to withdraw funds from the rainy day fund to cover all expenses for the month, as there are a lot of annual, semi-annual and quarterly payments that come due in January. The current balance in the rainy day fund is ~18K.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeff Meena

## **PLEDGE DRIVE TO FUND THE 2011 BUDGET**

This year the Vestry decided to approach pledging a bit differently. We decided to be very practical about funding our budget for 2011. We assumed the congregation knew something about giving and doing things for others. After all, stewardship is not something we do just once a year. It's all we do after we say we believe. But the process of pledging to the mission and ministry of the congregation for the coming year was something we needed to do particularly as the new year approaches.

About 50 percent of the congregation participated in listening/discernment meetings. In those meetings we discovered many in the congregation are interested in serving others. We think it means the Gospel Good News is getting to us — and that the Holy Spirit is continuing to inspire us to get beyond ourselves more and more. We also learned that there is a desire to get to know one another better, to have fun with each other, and to be able, when there is a need, to call on one another to help with any number of things in which we might be involved at and through the church. Our children are important to us — and we want to provide for their formation in the faith as well as give them opportunities to serve others. The practical thing for us as a congregation — and that which we need to fund for 2011 — is to be able to gather as a community of faith for worship, service, formation and fun, and to share our space with others as needs and opportunities arise.

A budget was included in the pledge drive materials. It reflected what the Finance Committee and Vestry feel are important aspects of our life together. The budget was not quite bare-bones, but it also was not in the least extravagant. It was presented in a narrative form as a way of being transparent with the congregation. We think it helps to know how our tithes and offerings are being used.

The congregation was informed that we overestimated our non-pledged giving for 2010, which meant we needed to use about \$12,000 from our Rainy Day Fund to meet expenses. New to the budget for 2011 is the cost of a sexton; our volunteer resources are limited in this regard. What we needed to obtain in pledges to meet the budget that was sent out is \$142,000. Vestry members contacted folks who had not responded by the pledge drive deadline; we did not want to make assumptions regarding anyone's giving patterns.

Our pledge drive yielded commitments from 64 people for a total amount of almost \$116,500, and we are grateful for all those who give to the work of the mission and ministry of this congregation. To our knowledge all people involved with the congregation were given the opportunity to respond to the invitation to help fund the 2011 budget.

Our budget and pledge expectations are grounded in our theology that all we have has been given to us by God, that we cannot out-give God, and that the Holy Spirit has a mission and ministry for the people of St James Church. We will always ask for generous participation from every person or family involved with the congregation; because this is the way we may --- together --- be a vital presence for Christ in Clintonville, in our lives as family and friends, and in the lives of others who may very well need what our congregation has to offer.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Vestry,  
The Rev'd Lynn Carter-Edmands, Rector

#### **PRIEST RESIDENT'S REPORT**

On June 19, 2010, I was ordained to the priesthood at St. Anne's Church in West Chester, OH by the Right Reverend Thomas Breidenthal, along with seven other men and women. Having served at St. James for one year as a deacon, I am now serving the second year of my residency as a priest. I continue to work about ten hours a week at St. James in a non-stipendiary capacity, which means that I am not paid a regular salary.

As a priest I serve in the following capacities:

Mother Lynn and I generally alternate presiding at the 8:00 and 10:30 masses. I continue to

preach about once a month. I have been privileged also to preside at the Wednesday midweek masses with the Laying on the Hands and Anointing. What a gift this contemplative and nourishing liturgy is to me and to the parish!

During the summer I presided and preached at the burial masses of two parishioners, Jackie Wagner and Betsy Jack.

I continue to coordinate the Children's Christian Formation program, developing curriculum, scheduling and training adult leaders, and filling in with the children as needed. We have begun holding a Family Mass approximately once a month.

I am available for pastoral care and other sacraments, such as the Rite of Reconciliation. I look forward to living out my priesthood at St. James in these ways.

My flexible schedule at St. James has allowed me to visit other parishes and assist their clergy staff. This fall I led another Advent Quiet day for the parish of St. Luke's in Granville, on the theme of the O Antiphons. In October I presided and preached at St. John's in Franklinton; as part of this day I was privileged to lead "Street Church," a service of Holy Eucharist held on a street corner for those who are not comfortable in a church building.

I continue as chair of the Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations Commission of the diocese; I continue also to teach Spiritual Formation, Church History, and Liturgy at Bexley Hall Seminary and this past July was appointed half-time Assistant Professor there. This has been a rich year for me and I am blessed to serve here at St. James.

Respectfully submitted, The Rev. Elise A. Feyerherm

### **SENIOR WARDEN REPORT**

After hearing about Paul Clever and Good Earth Farm in Athens, Ohio at a Diocesan convention a couple of years ago, I thought about how St. James could contribute fresh produce to the Clintonville Resource Center. Over the summer with plants grown from seed by Roberta Gordon, I grew tomato plants behind the church and gave the fresh produce (nearly two bushels) to the CRC. I hope to continue this project again this coming summer.

I also enjoyed working on the Thanksgiving meals for the third year. I think those of us who work in the kitchen put in nearly 18 hours over the day before and Thanksgiving day. Feed the hungry is one of the corporal works of mercy. St. James' Thanksgiving meals go to people who are hungry for nutrition as well as those who hunger to know someone cares about them.

I participated in several clean up days both inside and outside the church and if I wasn't able to do the work, I fixed lunch for the workers. Just this past weekend, I attended ministry day at Proctor and heard some fine presentations on lay ministry, the diaconate, and the priesthood. I attended a deanery meeting to discuss where finances should be directed and will attend another one on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

I continue to serve as Eucharistic minister and on the altar guild. I meet or talk with Mother Lynn about vestry agenda items.

At ministry day, I had the opportunity to meet and hear from Paul Clever from Good Earth Farms.

After hearing Paul describe what they do at Good Earth Farms (raise an acre of produce and then give it away to the needy) and what they have given up (a salary!) makes me wonder if I do enough for St. James.

Eric A. Reasoner

### **SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT**

On September 2, 2010 St. James' Service Committee sponsored the 7th annual Iftar for our Muslim friends to honor their Holy Month of Ramadan. On that evening a meal was offered of halal meats and other delicious dishes after traditional Muslim prayers to break the a daily fast. There were donations and food provided by parish members. Members of the Noor Mosque were in attendance.

St. James also participated in preparing meals for His Place at St. John's Episcopal Church. General consensus by the committee was not to continue this service project but rather focus on providing assistance to the Clintonville Resource Center (CRC). This past year the Service Committee organized a breakfast for three weeks during Lent. Other projects included the Mitten tree, school supplies for CRC and on going food and household product collections for the CRC.

Sincerely,

P.J. Scanlan

### **UNITED THANK OFFERING REPORT**

UTO's Mission: Expand the circle of thankful people. We encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of God's blessings.

UTO's Vision: Significantly impact the lives of women and children because of God's love. We focus particularly on projects that implement significant change toward alleviating profound human suffering that the Millennium Development Goals address.

At St James the United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday was May 23, 2010. Ushers gathered our "blue UTO boxes" filled with coins representing our thanksgivings and our prayers. The coins from the boxes and other monies designated "UTO fund" were forwarded to the diocese where the amount was recorded and then sent to The Episcopal Church where they were added to UTO donations from other parts of the church. They will be used to fund projects that make a real difference in the work of the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion. The amount sent from St. James was \$355.55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Isabel Brown

### **USHERS ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

There are currently 10 parishioners who serve as ushers at St. James. They are: Bruce Beckman, Pam Addison, Richard Smelker, Paul Staley, Blair McGinnis, John Shaver, Marty Jones, Ken Powers, and Renner Owusu, and David Fawcett.

Submitted by:  
David Fawcett

# Balance Sheet as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

## Assets & Liabilities

	Dec 31, 10
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>10210 · NCB - Operating</b>	
10211 · Unrestricted	7,344.06
10212 · Restricted	-681.29
10210 · NCB - Operating - Other	-337.17
<b>Total 10210 · NCB - Operating</b>	6,325.60
10410 · NCB - Investment	100.39
10510 · ECW Checking	1,048.36
10610 · Huntington Investment	20,654.29
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	28,128.64
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	28,128.64
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
<b>11500 · Organ Purchase</b>	
11501 · Accumulated Depreciation	-3,810.56
11500 · Organ Purchase - Other	95,263.66
<b>Total 11500 · Organ Purchase</b>	91,453.10
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	91,453.10
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>119,581.74</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
20000 · Accounts Payable	3,563.68
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	3,563.68
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
21000 · Accrued Liabilities	514.30
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	514.30
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	4,077.98
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	4,077.98
<b>Equity</b>	
31300 · Perm. Restricted Net Assets	1,048.36
31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	2,992.90
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	117,341.91
Net Income	-5,879.41
<b>Total Equity</b>	115,503.76
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>119,581.74</b>
 Trust Balance 11/30/2010	 \$ 378,471