

Committee Reports

Finance

Investment Committee

The Investment Committee, as authorized by the Church Vestry, was formed in early 2011 with the goal of enhancing the Church's overall financial results by investing available Church funds. On June 30, 2011, the Committee initiated its investment portfolio with \$80,000 of Church funds. These funds, invested through the Church's brokerage account with Charles Schwab & Co., are part of a conservative investment portfolio, which we expect, over time, to yield returns in the 4-6% range annually. During the first 6-month period, July-December, 2011, the portfolio realized over \$1,000 in earnings. Unfortunately, due to turbulent market conditions, the overall value of the portfolio fell about 1%. By comparison, the overall market, as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial and S&P 500 indexes, fell about 5% over that same period. Given the nature of the investments, we fully expect that, over time, the portfolio will increase in value and contribute to the Church's overall financial position.

Many thanks go to the Committee's members—Father Pat, Monroe Howell, Skip Slauson, Nancy Young, Bill Sweeney and John Poliero—for their guidance and advice during the year. Special thanks go to our investment advisor, Mark Crivaro, of Wealth Management Associates.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Gallo

Education

Acolyte Training

Acolyte training occurs at least two times a year. Training is done on the second Sunday in October and January during the youth groups meeting. In January training was done by, George Freeze, Nora Bollinger, & David Bergstralh and in October it was done by George Freeze and Nora Bollinger. George Freeze is also a consultant and aid in the training and making phone call reminders.

Adult Education

Adult Education was offered after the 9:30 a.m. service on Sundays when we had Sunday School. Each Sunday Bible Study/Sunday Reflections was offered. In September & October, Inquirer Classes were offered by Father Pat by those interested in becoming members of Grace Church on Sunday mornings. Also offered during the week were a Lenten Series and Advent Series by Father Pat.

Cathedral Days

We had several Cathedral Days in which the entire parish, young and old, came together. They were the Epiphany Brunch, Mardi Gras Sunday, Palm Sunday Brunch, Easter Day Celebration with an Egg Hunt, Butterfly Day, Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday School Ice Cream Sundae Social, Parish Picnic. In 2011 we made Jesse Tree ornaments with the help of Nora Bollinger in place of Advent Wreath Making.

Christmas Pageant

On Christmas Eve over 50 youth participated in the Christmas Pageant. All of our cherubs did a wonderful job portraying the story of Christ's Birth.

Communion Classes

Each year during Lent, the second grade students (third graders are also included in the teachings as they are also in this class) are instructed by Gretchen Poliero in preparation for receiving Communion. The instruction lasts the six Sundays during Lent, during the usual Sunday School time and concludes with the Maundy Thursday Seder dinner and service. In 2011 the instruction was given on Sundays, March 13-April 17 (Palm Sunday). The children participated in an instructed Eucharist with Father Pat on April 16 and made bread for the Maundy Thursday service on April 17 as well as banners for their pew and then later to take home. We had eight children receive this instruction.

Note: Communion instruction is not limited to second graders. Any child who is older and has not received this instruction is welcome to participate. Please speak to Gretchen Poliero if this pertains to you or your child.

Confirmation

On, Sunday, November 6, 2011, six adults were received and seven adults were Confirmed. There were nine young adults who were confirmed and became members of Grace Church. Bishop Frederick Borsch performed the service. St. Anne's Guild prepared a delicious reception and cookies were provided by last year's Confirmands.

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class meets for instruction, fellowship, fun and food every 3rd Thursday from September to May from 4-7 p.m. It is a two-year program for 6th & 7th graders. The students are only allowed 1 excused absence, must complete 40 hours of community service and attend Sunday School 75% of the time. Students are asked upon the completion of the first year to select a mentor who will present them to be confirmed.

Education Committee

Mission Statement: To prepare well rounded, thoroughly educated, responsible Christians who actively participate in our Church and our community. Diane Schrauth is the Vestry representative of the Education Committee. We meet 4 times a year to go over upcoming events and cathedral days. The Education Committee consists of: Beth Ann Strom, Gretchen Poliero, Ken & Carol Moyer, Diane Schrauth.

Education on the Grace Church Website

We continue to have available on our Church website each Sunday's lectionary. Since our Sunday School lessons coincide with the lectionary it is also a good source for our Sunday School teachers, students and parents. The readings from the past, present and future Sundays are available by going to gracehaddon.org and clicking on *Preparing for Sunday*. Newsletter Announcements, Adult Education Schedules etc. are updated on the Website as well. Thank you Al Schmidt.

Nursery Care

Nursery Care is provided every Sunday all year long from 9:15-11:30 a.m. Scheduling is now run through the Ministry Scheduling Pro scheduling.

Service/Outreach Projects

The Sunday School and youth groups also participated in several outreach/service projects. In January, they were involved with the Martin Luther King Day of Service, January 17, and made 100 lunches for Kid's Alley Café on January 22. In February, they collected for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 6, participated in the 30-Hour Famine on February 25-26 & made 130 lunches for KAC on February 12. On March 18, Gretchen Poliero with the help of the Confirmation Class served a delicious St. Patrick's Day dinner, which raised funds for the Educational Outreach Fund. Rent-A-Chef provided the delicious Fish and Chips meal. 130 lunches were also made on March 5 by a team of youth and adult members for Kid's Alley Café. In April, 130 lunches were made for KAC on April 9 and 30 Easter Baskets were filled for KAC. In May, 130 lunches were made by a team of youth and adult members for Kid's Alley Café on May 14. In June, we made 130 lunches for KAC on June 4. In July, many of our youth helped or participated in our Vacation Bible School program from July 11-15. Also in early July 3 adults & 8 youth went to Harrisburg, PA on a mission trip. In September & October we made 150 lunches for KAC on September 10 & October. 8. The EYC also continued selling Wawa Hoagie certificates to raise money for their Mission Trip, soft pretzels and had a hoagie sale before leaving on the trip. We also continue to collect new or gently used books for kids in Camden and Willingboro through First Book and Book Mates. Also in late November collections were started for the Mitten Tree where 100's of needed scarves, hats, mittens, underwear, boots, sweaters...were collected for the Sumner School in Camden. Mite boxes were distributed to the Sunday School students and were asked to collect change for St. Paul's Food Ministry. 150 lunches were made for KAC on Nov. 5 & Dec. 4. For Kid's Alley Café, Grace Church members adopted 6 families to make their Christmas possible, gifts and their dinner were provided. Through the year, non-perishable goods were collected for St. Paul's. Thank you to all the parents, adults and youth who make these efforts possible.

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School was fantastic in 2011 with the help of Diane Narleski who led the children in song for six weeks as well as helper Heather Kumor. Each week they had between 6-15 children in attendance along with parents who helped and enjoyed the program as well. On September 11 (delayed due to the Hurricane), the children sang the songs they had learned for the congregation throughout the service. On the first Sunday of July Father Pat celebrated the Parish House Eucharist with the youth and their families.

Sunday School

Sunday School continues to use the curriculum, Living the Good News. The curriculum has pre-planned lectionary based lessons and multi-sensory activities so all children can be reached. We are fortunate enough to have at least 2 teachers for each group of students, which has made for continuous coverage of classes. Our teachers for the 2010-2011 school year were: Preschool 3 & 4 year olds – Dana Cotter, Amy Christopher; Kindergarten/ 1st Grade –Marianne Poisel, Amy Watts, & Chrissy Adams; 2nd & 3rd Grade – Cheryl Kuchler and Beth Deitelbaum; 4th & 5th Grade - Christian Strasser, & Maggie Conte; 6th & 7th Grade - Karen Marshall & Marty Rosica; 8th thru 12th Grade –Nora Bollinger,(sometimes with the aid of Vikki Bollinger) and Beth Ann & Ed Strom. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for their dedication. I would also like to extend a special thank you to John Poliero who is always my faithful assistant.

Each Sunday, the students and teachers leave right after going to the Communion rail and proceed to the Parish Hall where they are fed a snack, and then proceed to their classrooms upon dismissal. Once a month, the children attend a Parish House Eucharist in the Parish Hall instead of Church so they may be instructed and participate more fully in the service. Father Pat leads the Parish House Eucharist. We also celebrate that month's Birthdays that Sunday. In December the children also get to see St. Nick. The children especially enjoy this.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was held from July 11 to July 15 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. It was held at Grace Church with the help of the 1st Presbyterian Church. The theme was Green VBS. One hundred & twenty children came for a fun week of learning about Jesus. Many volunteers from both Churches made this wonderful program a success.

Thank you

I want to reach out to all the wonderful people of Grace Church and officially let you know that I will be retiring from my position of DRE at the end of this school year. I have loved every minute of my time serving you and God! John & I will be staying at Grace Church as it is our Church home but want more flexibility to visit Lauren at college next year. I love each and every one of you and consider myself very blessed to have had this opportunity. This was a very hard decision for me to make. Also many thanks to all of the volunteers who have stepped up when needed. Thank you.

Faithfully yours,
Gretchen S. Poliero, DRE

Order of the Daughters of the King

Magnanimiter Crucem Sustine
“With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross”
For His Sake

Our group's main focus continues to be praying for the needs presented to us to be placed on the prayer list. We pray for the people and concerns on this list daily, and look for ways to continue our service to others as we go about our daily lives. We have been blessed with answers to many prayers this year for those on our prayer list. As we receive new prayer requests we update the prayer list for our members by email, phone, or mail.

We welcome like-minded women of the church to join us as we meet for our 33rd year. Please check our bulletin board in the hallway for the current listing of meeting dates and other pertinent information regarding our Chapter. The meeting dates for the year are posted for your convenience. Our regular meeting is held at 10 a.m. on the last Saturday of the month, in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Schaut

Outreach

IHOC-Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council

Mission: To strive to reduce homelessness in Camden County by providing shelter, support and rehabilitative services to homeless individuals seeking a better life.

IHOC is made up of more than 38 congregations from many faiths and cultures whose volunteers provide support for the following programs.

- Homeless Hospitality Network
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing
- Special Programs to collect supplies and personal care items to help the residents of the county's shelters and day centers through "Pack-a-Sack" and "Adopt-a-Box"

Grace Church is currently involved with the Homeless Hospitality Network together with eight other churches. Each church hosts 8-12 men for two weeks from October through May each year. We provide meals, a warm secure place to sleep and fellowship while IHOC provides life skills classes, money management, job seeking and interpersonal relationships. Most of the men work or are trying to find work and through the IHOC program they are able to save a percentage of their wages so that they have a chance of making their life better when their participation in the program ends.

We will be hosting our guests January 29 through February 12 and help is needed. If you feel you would like to volunteer your time, talents or resources see the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce McAuley

Project Interaction

Project Interaction is made up of a group of Episcopalians from eight churches including Grace Church in Haddonfield. They meet monthly and orchestrate an ongoing series of outreach activities to benefit St. Paul's, Camden, and the people of that city. Each Sunday morning one of these churches provides a hot breakfast at St. Paul's for anyone who chooses to attend. Attendees may include the poor, the homeless, anyone temporarily down on their luck, or the elderly. More than 6,000 meals are provided annually. Bobbie and Al Schmidt provide and cook a meal six times a year. Grace also works with St. Mary's, Haddon Heights to cook a meal each month.

In addition, Project Interaction raises money to help fund Camp Faith, a five week summer camp run by St. Paul's for the children of Camden. They also collect warm accessories and toilet articles to be assembled in gift bags and given out at the December breakfast as well as sturdy used clothing which is distributed on the fourth Sunday of the month. Toni Bonnette is in charge of these two activities.

Fundraising in 2010 and 2011 has centered around an anticipated remodeling of the St. Paul's kitchen to bring it up to code. The annual raffle and dinner dance in November was a social and financial success. Many parishioners attended. Others supported the event by donating prizes, time and money. Kate Myers made all the tags for the basket raffle. Many, many thanks to all who helped.

Architectural plans have been drawn up and work is scheduled to begin this month. Marty Rosica's men have already moved a radiator in anticipation of work done during winter months. Watch for reports as the work progresses.

Project Interaction meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. In 2012, the meetings will be held at St. Bartholomew's in Cherry Hill. We appreciate the support that our parish gives to Project Interaction and St. Paul's and invite you to become involved in any of our projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bonnette
Jean Horn

St. Paul's Food Basket

St. Paul's Food Basket is the largest outreach program sponsored by Grace Church. We have just completed our 27th year. It involves approximately thirty parishioners (and a number of other dedicated volunteers) each month. We give out 110 bags or more of food to needy folks at St. Paul's Church in Camden every Friday morning, year round.

During 2011, we handed out 5,371 bags of food compared to 5,427 in 2010. The total number of people served increased slightly from 14,183 in 2010 to 14,256 in 2011. In 2011 we averaged 103 bags per week, which is near the maximum we can sustain. The demand remains high and many weeks we must turn away a few people.

Grace Church parishioners and other friends of the St. Paul's Food Program donate all of the money used to buy food, bags and supplies throughout the year. The Food Bank offers a limited and unpredictable assortment of low cost food, but the demand on the Food Bank's stocks has been so high we have had to go to other sources to make up the difference. It takes about 1000 cans of vegetables and fruit each week to fill the bags. The inability to obtain enough food to fill the bags resulted in handing out bags that were only partially full. To help make up the difference, we have been asking parishioners to bring in canned vegetables and fruit to church each week. Cereal, tuna, peanut butter and pasta are also a huge help. We hope folks will continue to do this every week.

The USDA and the State of New Jersey allot us a good bit of food each month without charge, which has also helped fill the gap. Every week we are able to pick up several hundred loaves of day-old Arnold's bread and Thomas' English muffins from Bimbo Bakeries in Mt. Laurel (at no charge) which is most appreciated. For several years ShopRite has been supplying us with new plastic bags. We certainly appreciate the help as we need several hundred every week.

We have a number of volunteers who week after week put in many hours making this program the success it has been for over 27 years. Special thanks goes to Dick Bynum and Tom Rayser who every week determine what food is available, place the orders at the Food Bank, make up the packing and pickup plans, and maintain our inventory. Special thanks also go to Stan Sikorski who manages our weekly food pickup at the Church and the Food Bank and has been doing a superb job. Every week George Freeze meets the bread pickup crew at Bimbo Baking to help make sure it goes smoothly. George also obtains donations of several cases of food for St. Paul's from Murphy's Market in Medford nearly every month. Thanks George. We thank all our volunteers as well as all those who support our program with cash and food donations.

We have many opportunities for volunteer help in addition to financial support. These include:

- Picking up food at the Food Bank in Pennsauken on Tuesday mornings;
- Helping unload our once-a-month delivery of USDA food on the 4th Monday each month;
- Bread pick-up at Bimbo Bakeries in Mt. Laurel on Tuesday mornings;
- Bagging food on Tuesday mornings;
- Handing out food bags on Friday mornings.

We try to limit each volunteer to only a few hours each month and only when they are available. We always need volunteers. If you would like to help with this great program, please call:

Dick Hammond at (856) 662-4034 (email_rhh302@verizon.net) or

Dick Bynum at (856) 428-2933 (email-mbyrich@aol.com) or

Stan Sikorski (856)795-0940 (email-steamstan2@aol.com) or

Grace Church (856) 429-0007 (email-office@gracehaddon.org)

We need everyone's financial support since we have to buy much of the food we give away. A check to Grace Church directed to the St. Paul's Food Basket is always most appreciated.

Lastly, thank God for all the wonderful efforts and good will of those who have supported St. Paul's Food Basket.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Hammond

Parish Life

Compassionate Cooks

Grace Church Compassionate Cooks distribute meals to families or individuals dealing with hospitalization, birth of a baby, illness, bereavement or other stressful life events. Historically, committee members have been called on an as-needed basis to fulfill immediate requests, which are identified by the office. The coordinator confirms dietary restrictions, allergies or other special needs and contacts committee members to prepare the requested meals. Individuals providing the meals coordinated delivery directly with the recipients.

Please call the Church office or Rachel Heston if you know of a parish family who could use a meal (or several). We encourage you to call in advance of a scheduled surgery or hospitalization. The coordinator will contact the recipient and make arrangements to have meals delivered that suit the need.

Please contact the Church office if you have any suggestions on how we can enhance this valuable service to our parish family or would like to be a member of Compassionate Cooks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Heston

Oktoberfest

Grace Church's 14th Annual Oktoberfest was held on October 15, 2011. The Parish Hall hosted the Silent and Basket auctions while hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and refreshments were served. Upstairs, the Auditorium was transformed into an authentic German 'Biergarten' where live music entertained, a buffet meal was provided, German beer was served and dancing commenced and the Live auction was held. Ticket prices were maintained at \$40 and were sold out 2 weeks ahead of the event.

With the donations received we were able to create 57 Baskets, 37 Silent auction items, and 23 Live auction items. We cleared \$13,138. Fund distribution has been made to: Camden Free Clinic - \$6000 ; Haddonfield Council of Churches for Social Worker - \$2000 ; Rector's Discretionary Fund - \$1200 ; Diocese of NJ - \$1200 ; Trinity Cathedral - \$1000 ; Kids Alley Café - \$600 ; Operating Budget - \$1138. We would like to thank all of the parishioners and local businesses, which were listed in our November newsletter, for their generous support and participation. Please be sure to patronize those businesses listed as a way of thanking them.

We would like to thank ALL those parishioners who donated their time, talent and items to this worthwhile endeavor. Special thanks go out to: Kate Myers who was the coordinating brains behind the scenes. Lee Albright, Sarah Riley and Joan Brong for publicity. Sarah Sweeney and Denise Izzo for space layout and decoration designs. Ed Strom and Al Schmidt for their erection skills in auditorium transformation. Sue Rosica, Jim Diaz, Michael Guerriero, Jean Horn, Denise Izzo, Ann Waller, Nancy Young and Kate Myers for their creative genius in basket creation. Joyce McAuley for coordination of all food stuffs, both upstairs and down. David Martinez, Elizabeth Perdichizzi and Al Schmidt for bartending. Irene Powers, Christina Barbato and Sue Comfort for raffle ticket sales and record keeping. Marlana "Vanna" Strom for keeping the ticket auction running! Marty Rosica for his silver tongue and 'Lottery' strutting prowess. Gretchen and John Poliero, Nora Bollinger, Christina Barbato, Beth Ann Strom and Chris Strasser for final checkout. And finally, to any of you I may have missed, my humble apologies – thank you. (I have diligently tried not to omit anyone from the listing below.)

As you know, Oktoberfest is our biggest fundraiser and many hands make it viable. The more hands the better, so please consider volunteering your time and talents to make next year's event even better. Please contact the 2012 Oktoberfest Committee with your support!

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who helped, supported, donated, attended, or participated in Oktoberfest in any way, including our families who were forever patient and always ready to pitch in!

Respectfully yours,
Skip Slauson, Lee Albright and Sue Rosica
Oktoberfest 2011 Co-Chairs

The “Meisters” of Oktoberfest

Lee Albright	Jennifer Hanner	Irene Powers
Anonymous	Dr. Nils Herdilin	Bill Ratcliffe
John Ash	Gywnneth Hicks	Sarah & Jeff Riley
Christina & Ryan Barbato	Sandra & Rich HineLine, Jr.	Matthew Robertson
Nora Bollinger	Reeves & Tom Honey	Betty Rodda
Toni & Rick Bonnette	Jean & Bob Horn	Sue & Marty Rosica
Joan Brong	Denise Izzo	Bobbie & Al Schmidt
Marianne Buzby	Jay Kauffman	Diane Schrauth &
Doris & Allen Carr	Heather Kumor	Michael Luther
Fr. Pat & Diane Close	Steve Leichner	Missy & Skip Slauson
Sue Comfort	Denise Lieber	Nevan Soumilas
Maggie Conte	Barbara & Steve Linn	Muffin & Gary Stephens
Mickey Cotter	Beth Manning	Chris Strasser
Sharon Cottrell	Karen & Kayli Marshall	Beth Ann & Ed Strom
Jim Diaz & Michael Guerierro	Davit Martinez &	Marlena Strom
Kim & Mark DiMaurizio	Elizabeth Perdichizzi	Karen & Bill Sweeney
Fr. Nat & Barbara Elliott	Jill Mascena	Sara Sweeney
Leslie Entwistle	Suzanne & John Maxymuk	June Telaar
EYC	Joyce McAuley	Muriel Thomas
Elaine Fanjul	Rose McAuley	Cece & Tom Torok
Bethann Flagg	Cassandra Myers	Cindy & John Vena
George Freeze	Kate & Wynn Myers	Vestry
Elaine Furniss	LeeAnn Norris	Marie & Vic Vogt
Candy & Rob Gallo	Jessie Orlando	Elizabeth & Vinnie Vollmar
Sue Getz	James Perrin	Ann & Joe Waller
Jessica Greenfield	Betty Phillips	Gus & Lise Weinert
Samuel Hanger	Peyton Pleninger	Charles Wittkop
Mark & Rachel Heston	Gretchen & John Poliero	Nancy Young

Parish Life

The Parish Life Committee has had a very successful year. We have hosted 2 Newcomer’s brunches at the Rectory, Palm Sunday and Epiphany Brunches. We would like to thank all those who brought food and helped Ann Waller and I set up and clean-up for these events. Please look forward to more events in 2012. Nora Bollinger

Property Committee

Your Property Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the physical plant (buildings and grounds) of Grace Church. To this end our members work to identify work items, obtain bids from contractors where required and oversee the completion of the work. We also schedule work parties for

less complex work that does not require a contractor. The on-going work of the Property Committee results in substantial savings for the parish family.

Our members view this opportunity as a chance to do God's work while experiencing history first hand. It is also a labor of love as well as an exciting adventure in discovery and education about old and new construction as we work to be good stewards of all of the items under our charge. We welcome people with an interest in maintenance of buildings and grounds to join our committee. You don't need to be able to lift a ton, but it does help to be able to spell it.

2011 continued to offer us many challenges. We entered the eleventh year of maintenance for our now not-so-new Parish House. We are now beginning to replace the elements that have begun to reach their end of life and to repaint and refinish where needed. As we do this work, we continue discovering/learning more of the historic construction concepts of our buildings and grounds.

Should you ever find an item that needs fixing but cannot find a Property Committee Member we have a quick and easy way for you to let us know. Just send a note to property@gracehaddon.org.

Listed below are some of our more significant accomplishments of the past year.

Church

1. Maintenance of the Pews and Choir area.
2. Completion of the replacement of our Pew Book Racks (Thanks to Steve Leichner).
3. Replaced/re-lamped lights as needed – Wherever possible lights are replaced with energy-saving CFL bulbs.
4. Cleared the 'record' snow falls (our thanks to our ever-vigilant and energetic "Snow Removal Team").
5. Performed preventive maintenance on the heating and air conditioning systems.
6. Relocated the Choir Room and Choir Robe Room to the 3rd floor of the Parish House from the Church Undercroft.
7. Relocated the Counters room and Treasurer's office to the 2nd floor of the Parish House
8. Oversaw the move out of the Music School. We wish them well and will miss their rental income.
9. After completion of pricing to cover the side stairs to the Thrift Shop (\$50 – 60, 000), we have decided to stay with a temporary cover and are rebuilding it to take double the wear.
10. Place protective cover over the Organ power outlet to prevent accidental unplugging.
11. Have started a process to get options for repair/replacement of the terrazzo floor.
12. Had regular preventative maintenance on the boilers and A/C units to keep them operational and to pass state safety inspections.
13. Lemon-oiled the High Altar.

Parish House

1. Replaced ballasts/re-lamped lights as needed.
2. Repaired round tables as needed.
3. Maintained the Computer Network.
4. Ensured required annual inspections of elevator, kitchen hood, fire and smoke alarms and elevator.
5. Re-negotiated Annual Maintenance Contracts.
6. Repainted Choir and Choir Robe rooms (done by the Choir).

7. Installed Choir Robe Racks in the Choir Robe room.
8. Repainted 2nd floor common area (Thanks to Ed Strom).
9. Refinished the Auditorium Floor.

Rectory

1. Replaced the window wells on the Rectory that were rusted out and causing occasional water infiltration.
2. Repaired and repainted the outside basement door. Repaired basement steps leading down from this door (Thanks to Bob Horn).

Grounds

1. Renegotiated a new grounds maintenance contract.
2. Kept gardens and the Speed Line side of the church clear of weeds.
3. Trimmed trees in front of Rectory and removed large pine in front of the Rectory.
4. Removed branches from holly trees overhanging our neighbor's yard.
5. Re-lamped / Repaired outdoor lights.
6. Maintained gardens and plantings, including mulching the Gardens.
7. Trimmed bushes for the Fall.
8. Added landscaping to the gardens in front of the Church and Rectory. Added trees for eventual shade in the rear of the Rectory
9. Removed trash and debris from grounds on an ongoing basis. Re-located the red maple from the back to the front of the church.
10. Installed 'permanent' sign post sleeves in the front lawn for displaying temporary signs.
11. Planted Spring bulbs and Summer flowers (Thanks Ellen Berntson).

Goals for 2012

1. Install a new, easier to use control system for our Heating and A/C systems. This will provide a more user-friendly, graphical interface and enable more people to learn and use the system.
2. Schedule more Parish work parties to give opportunities for involvement to the entire parish. These will include re-pointing our walkway.
3. Monitor A/C units for the church and initiate action should we have a 2nd one break down. (We are already operating with 1 of the 4 units off line.)
4. Complete the work on our Operations Manual for the Campus.
5. Resurface the Bell Tower Roof to eliminate leaks.
6. Continue to investigate energy-saving alternatives.
7. Provide a Key Access Box to give the Fire Company access to our buildings in an emergency.
8. Initiate a Property Outreach Program to perform repairs for the needy in our area.
9. Switch our existing PC network to a server-based system for easier data security & backup.

We also completed a host of other small and not-so-small projects that get attention throughout the year. Members of the committee also consult with borough officials and other town commissions as necessary regarding our property and facilities. The committee also performs duties formerly done by a paid sexton.

Our group consists of spirited, hardworking people sharing and enhancing their talents as they face the challenges in meeting the physical needs of our church. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact any one of us or the church office. We appreciate any and all offers of help. If YOU can help from time to time, please do.

As the Property Committee continues to work without ceasing in our endeavors, we wish to thank all of those dependable and faithful parish members who helped us in our work parties during the year and so willingly gave of their time, energy and experience. We also extend our appreciation to the wardens for their assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Ratcliffe & Al Schmidt

Property Committee Members

Lee Albright	Marty Rosica
Trey Conte	Al Schmidt
Peter Hanway	Skip Slauson
Mark Heston	Sterling Sproul
Ken Moyer	Chris Strasser
Bill Ratcliffe	Joe Waller

Report on Counters

The counting of the weekly offering continued in 2011 as it has each year since 1967. We maintain counting teams, each consisting of three persons. Each team counts the Sunday offerings for two successive weeks and is off while each of the other teams takes its turn. During 2011, we were fortunate to again have had ten teams. This allows each team, after completing their counting assignment for two consecutive weeks, not to be assigned again to count for the next 18 weeks.

I want to thank each member of the counting teams who acted as either team controllers or counters in 2011, these individuals are: Lee Albright, Carl Alexoff, Dave Bergstralh, Marianne Buzby, Mickey Cotter, Rob Gallo, Jessica Greenfield, Ann and Dick Hammond, Chuck Haughton, Bob Horn, Shirley Kuhn, Barbara Linn, Joyce McAuley, Jason Miller, Wynn Myers, Mike Peacock, Jim Perrin, Roger Perry, Andy Pleninger, Helen Pollack, Glenn Raiczuk, Chris Reenock, Gene Riley, Don Ryan, Fred Shindle, Stan Sikorski, Skip Slauson, Chris Strasser, Sara Sweeney, Karen Sweeney and Victor Vogt.

Recently joining the counting team and not listed above are Susan Cox, Jennifer Ballou, Bobbie Schmidt, John Ash, and BethAnn Strom and I express my appreciation for them volunteering to participate in this important activity. In addition, there were several counting team members that have recently resigned, these members are: Jessica Greenfield, Jason Miller, Andy Pleninger, Helen Pollack and Victor Vogt. These members have been faithful servants to the counting activity and they will be missed in the upcoming year. I also want to thank Shirley Kuhn and Kate Myers. Shirley Kuhn acts both as a counting team controller and prepares each counting schedule; Kate types the schedule and sends the schedule to the counters.

Finally, I would be remiss in not giving special recognition to Jim Perrin. Jim also has 'retired' as a counter after forty-four years continuous service. Jim was the last of the original counters, having started in 1967 when the counting team was originally formed. Thanks again Jim.

As always, we are in need of additional counters and if anyone would like to be part of this ministry, please speak to me.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Sweeney
Treasurer

Stewardship

Our Stewardship Committee is a standing committee of the Vestry. This committee is responsible for encouraging a grateful and responsible use of God's gifts to us. We want everyone to see stewardship as:

- a joyful act for the sake of God's world.
- living and telling the Good News;
- wisely employing our God-given human resources, abilities, and relationships;
- sharing the material resources we hold and giving them in service, justice, and compassion;

As a way to achieve the above goals for the 2011 we worked in two specific areas. The first was a long term goal of a deeper understanding of stewardship within the parish. And the second was to develop and run our Fall Pledge Drive.

For our long term goal we offered several events to build Fellowship, invite new people to our congregation. We will continue this work in 2012.

For the Fall Pledge drive we used the same approach as last year. This approach is called "New Consecration Sunday". The program gives us a defined program of what to do and when. The program stresses giving what God asks you to give and does not focus on giving to a budget. Another piece of the program is a single day for collection of estimated giving cards just before a parish brunch. It is a more efficient approach and limits the cost and effort of multiple follow-up mailings.

As of this writing (01/14/2012), we have received a total of 202 pledges for \$396,283. This year's average pledge is equal to the average for last year, the number of pledges is almost 10% more than last year and the total pledged is an increase of 11% over last year's total pledged. We expect more pledges to arrive in the rest of January and this will change these figures slightly. We think this demonstrates the continued effectiveness of this program. And we plan to use this program again in our 2012 Fall Pledge Drive

We want to thank all of you who worked on our Fall Stewardship Program. We could not have done this without your help.

We invite everyone with an interest in this important ministry to join or committee. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.

We are always looking for people who would like to help in developing special Stewardship Programs and who want to get more involved in Stewardship.

Your Stewardship Committee:

Fr. Pat, Brandon, Skip, Bill, Jim, Sara, Ken, Beth, Ed, and Al

St. Anne's Guild

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Grace Church is called St. Anne's Guild. St. Anne's Guild continues to organize Spring and Fall Rummage Sales to fund its outreach commitments. The money from these fundraisers goes toward many projects, including St. Paul's Food Basket, Interfaith Caregivers, Seamen's Church Institute, Salvation Army and the Diocesan ECW missions.

The Board of St. Anne's meets regularly the third Wednesday of the month at 10.30 a.m. and we welcome anyone interested in helping with our many projects. We thank all those who continue to help. Fresh ideas and new members are always needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Orlando

Thrift Shop

The shop ended the year with a net income of \$13,349. Half the income went to the church operating budget. The other half went to outreach: Kid's Alley Café, Camden Free Medical Clinic at St. Wilfrid's, the Rector's discretionary fund and for the services of the social worker hired by local churches.

In September the shop added another business day and is now open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. On behalf of the varied beneficiaries, thank you to all the volunteers and donors. The shop couldn't run without your contributions of time, talent and merchandise. Also we express our appreciation to Fr. Pat, the office staff and the property committee for their considerable help.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy H. Young for the Thrift Shop Committee

Wedding Committee

The Wedding Committee has grown this past year. We have a wonderful group of women who are dedicated to making our Wedding couple as happy as possible on their special day. After all, who hasn't been to a wedding that was beautiful and well planned? Fact of the matter is, every wedding at Grace Church has its very own coordinator. We handle everything once you walk in the door of our church. We are one of the few churches in South Jersey that have Wedding Co-coordinators.

Denise Sikorski, Wedding Coordinator
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Worship

First and foremost, a Church is about worship. We gather together to praise God and our Lord Jesus Christ. We come together to pray, listen to Scripture, sing, share fellowship and receive the sacraments of the Church. Grace Church offers people some of the best that our Episcopal and Anglican traditions have to offer.

Our principal services are Saturday at 5:30 pm (Rite II); Sunday at 8 am (Rite I); and, Sunday at 9:30 am (Rite II). One a month we offer a special children's worship service in the auditorium at 9:30 am.

All of our services have experienced growth and sometimes the children's service is larger than the regular service in the Church at the same time. We occasionally offer alternative services (about once a month) using: "Enriching Our Worship"; the New Zealand Prayer Book; and, the Celtic Liturgy. These services remind us of the wide range and rich experience of the Anglican Church.

This year we performed 28 baptisms, 8 weddings and 16 funerals at Grace Church. 22 adults and children were confirmed and received on All Saints Sunday in 2011. We celebrated 168 Holy Communion services on Sundays; 103 Holy Communion services during the week and 30 additional other services. Our average Sunday attendance for 2011 was 242 for all Sunday services. In 2011, we had 679 people in attendance for Easter services and 725 people in attendance for Christmas Eve and Day services.

Worship services depend on a number of people. Fr. Nat Elliott helps Fr. Pat with Sunday and weekday services. We occasionally rely on supply clergy to provide assistance. However, this has become a growing concern as fewer and fewer retired clergy are available to assist Grace Church when another priest is needed. Grace Church also needs to ask the Diocese for the assistance of a permanent deacon who would help our Sunday liturgies and other ministries.

Barbara Linn heads up a dedicated group of altar guild members. They are responsible for preparing the Church for all worship services. George Freeze heads up our acolyte group who assist with the service. Children ages 6 and up are welcomed to participate as torches, servers, crucifiers and thurifiers. Lay readers and chalice bearers assist with the readings, prayers and serving of the chalice at services. We have many people who help (and could use more help) and thank them for their participation. A small group of Eucharistic visitors takes Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. Ushers help with our service providing people a warm greeting, bulletins for the service, directions and more. Many thanks to our ushers. A special thanks goes to Jean Fischer who takes care of our flowers for services.

The definition of "liturgy" (our worship) is "the work of the people." Our work consists of the worship services of Grace Church that work to bring us closer together with God, our Lord Jesus Christ and each other. We do worship well here at Grace Church. We thank all of you have participated, attended and made worship at Grace Church a joy. There is always room for more helpers, volunteer today and help us to continue to make worship special here at Grace Church.

With warmest regards, faithfully yours in Christ, Fr. Pat

Acolytes

I wish to thank all the acolytes for their attendance and dedication to God and Church (also parents). We have 9 crucifiers, 13 servers, 18 torches and 3 thurifiers in the acolyte guild. We welcome anyone who wants to become an acolyte. There is also a Diocesan Acolyte Festival on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton.

George Freeze
Acolyte Master

Altar Guild

Our small, but dedicated group of Altar Guild members work in a ministry that is very important to the life of Grace Church. Our mission is to prepare the Lord's Table for Holy Eucharist with care and

affection; to anticipate the needs of the priest and the people; and to encourage members of our parish family to join us as Sacristans in this joyful work. Whenever Holy Eucharist is celebrated at Grace Church, there is an Altar Guild member or members working quietly behind the scenes.

If this sounds like the ministry for you, please contact me at BARB010259@verizon.net or (856) 346-0630.

I would like to thank my hard-working group of Sacristans for everything they do. Those who served this year were: Sue Comfort, Beth Deitelbaum, Barbara Elliott, George Freeze, Jessie Orlando, Karen Orlando, Pat Panzone, Betty Phillips, Sue Rosica, Sara Sweeney, and Lorraine Winyard. We also appreciate Lissa Atkins and Jim Diaz, who join us occasionally when they are available.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Linn
Altar Guild Director

Report of the Music Director/Organist and Arts Coordinator – 2011

When discussing the musical life of Grace Church over this past year, I am struck by many things, the least of which is the fact that I've only served as Director of Music for slightly over six months! Yet in these six months you all have opened your hearts and minds to my wife, Jacquie, and myself. I can't express how much I appreciate the kindness, respect, openness and compassion I've experienced as we together embark upon a new era of music at Grace. Although I can't speak to the musical life of Grace for the first half of 2011 as it was before I came on board, I can speak to what our music ministry has accomplished since then.

First and foremost among the highlights of the musical life of Grace Church are the activities of our three choirs: the **Saint Michael's Choir** (Grades K-5), the **Good News Choir** (Grades 6-12), and the **Grace Choir**. The **Saint Michael's** and **Good News Choirs** have grown not only in number, but in musical ability. They've sung multiple times for the 9:30 A.M. Sunday morning services, as well as being featured on the *Arts at Grace* Christmas Concert: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The children and young adults in these choirs have worked diligently on the music that they've offered to the congregation and wider Haddonfield community, gathered knowledge in music theory that is central to the success of any singer, and have further developed a close-knit and caring community. My sincerest thanks go out to these remarkable young people and, as importantly, their parents who have encouraged and facilitated their learning and artistic accomplishment. The **Grace Choir** has, over my time at Grace, increased by nearly 50% from 12 to 17 singers! Yet far more important than their numerical growth is their incredible commitment to providing moving and fulfilling music to the congregation and wider community. I can honestly say that never have I found a choir more committed to their endeavor, nor one that strives so hard in the quest of beauty and excellence (of course I try not to tell them that, nor how much I appreciate them too often!). For me, some of the highlights of the **Grace Choir's** Fall were the Trinity Cathedral Evensong in early October, the All Saints Sunday service, The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols held on December 3rd, and the 11:00P.M. Christmas Eve service.

Upon arriving at Grace in July 2011, I was struck by the fact that so few of our instruments were in good condition. The Heston Memorial Piano in the Auditorium was in a shocking state of disrepair, replete with an inch of dust and grime, missing strings and wild tuning fluctuations. The Choir Room piano was (and is) in such poor condition that it could not hold a tuning. Its sound board, bridges and pin block all had significant damage due to age, disrepair and poor placement. I'm pleased to say that over the six months I've been at Grace we've made significant repairs and added a climate control system to the Heston Memorial Piano, enabling it to be used for concerts and other activities of Grace

Church. Grace Church, realizing that repairing the instrument in the Choir Room was not cost-effective, towards the end of 2011 acquired a used instrument of impressive quality for choir rehearsals. I have confidence that this instrument will continue to serve Grace Church for generations to come. Having a good instrument for choral rehearsals is incredibly important as this is the main way in which our choirs are trained. In essence: if the rehearsal piano for a choir is out of tune, so also will be the choirs. Yet there is still more to do with regard to our instruments. The Heston Memorial Piano will require further work to stay in good repair. Our organ will also require significant investment over the next five to ten years to be able to continue to serve and lead our congregation and choirs in song to God.

Last, but certainly not least, the activities of *Arts at Grace*, our Concert Series, requires mention. Through the hard work of the *Arts at Grace* Committee, we've more than doubled the size of our average audience and currently are working on a meager financial surplus (I write this with our season is not yet complete!). Through their work on receptions, publicity, artist relations and planning, the members *Arts at Grace* committee deserves significant commendation. They are Diane Close, Dana Cotter, Jay Kauffman, Karen Marshall, Carol Moyer, Karen Murdock, Gretchen Poliero and Irene Powers. Without their continued work and commitment, this musical offering to the congregation and community would not be possible, let alone successful.

I have every confidence that this coming year will bring further growth and excitement to our music ministry. 2012 will include a Spring Concert given by the **Grace Choir**, a Spring Musical for our **Youth Choirs** and many other exciting offerings during worship services as well as at *Arts at Grace* Concerts. One of my main priorities for 2012 is to increase congregational participation in worship. I dream of a congregation that sings so lustily that the roof is blown off the building with the sound! I know that this is something that we can accomplish together. I know that 2012 will bring significant growth and change for our choirs, and know that if we all work together Grace Church can become a vibrant and versatile community for music and learning in South Jersey.

And lastly, I offer my prayer that God continue to shine his benevolent light upon Grace Church.

With warmest wishes, I am faithfully yours,



Matthew Robertson
Director of Music
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Ushers

This past year has been a difficult one for the Ushers. We have many volunteers, and have truly worked together as a team, but we have lost some dear members. They will be missed. We have new members that have started and are doing very well. This is not a very hard job to do, but it is rewarding in its own way. Please take the time when entering Church to say hello to the person greeting you at the door. They have taken the time out of their worship to welcome you into our Church. I want to thank these parishioners for participating in this aspect of our church's ministry and invite anyone who would like to serve as an Usher to please give me a call: Janet Birdsall, Larry Buenzle, Carla & Robert Edwards, Michael Guerriero, Reeves & Tom Honey, Jean & Bob Horn, Shirley Kuhn, Bill Lubenow, Jason Miller, Jessie Orlando, Karen Peterson, Roger &

Rebecca Perry, Betty Phillips, Andrew Pleninger, Sharon Cottrell, John Poliero, Irene Powers, Bill Ratcliffe, Ted Raiczuk, Glenn Raiczuk, Betty Rodda, Sue & Marty Rosica, Lynn & Don Ryan, Bobbie & Al Schmidt, Fred & Carol Shindle, Denise & Stan Sikorski, David Sommerville, Beth & Ed Strom, Lisa & Gus Weinert and Patty Zarnitz

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Sikorski, Coordinator (856-795-0940) T42wthme@aol.com

Youth Groups

Grace Kids

Grace Kids is a youth group designed to bring together K - 5th grade children for fellowship, fun, food, and service. Grace Kids meets currently one Sunday a month (generally the second) at 4 pm. We make a craft, play games, do service projects, and eat dinner together. Special things done at the monthly meeting were: in January acolyte training was done, in February we made Valentine gifts for our special someone, at the end of May we went to the Cherry Hill Roller Rink and celebrated the end of the school year, in October we did acolyte training, in November we played games, and in December we had a Birthday Party for Jesus. Gretchen Poliero organizes it with the help of other parents and on average has about 12-25 children in attendance. Teen helpers are also welcomed to help. Thank you to Lauren Poliero & Megan McAuley who attend faithfully to help.

Grace's Aces

The sixth and seventh grade youth group has been named Grace's Aces. The youth group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 4pm prior to their choir rehearsal. They interact with Grace Kid's for the first hour doing crafts, playing games and eating pizza and then are able to do planning, scooters etc. In May, they joined the Grace Kids youth group at the Cherry Hill Roller Rink and had a great party! The group is run by Gretchen Poliero and averages 4-6 participants.

EYC

In 2011 the EYC continued to meet regularly. In our Sunday night meetings we spent time planning events and fundraisers, studying the Bible, and having fun. We were extremely successful in our fundraisers- hoagie sales, cookies, chili, and more- thanks in no small part to amazing parental support. We enjoyed occasional trips to Starbucks, Bishop's Ball, 30 Hour Famine, and All Night Bowling. Our largest event was our mission trip. 11 teens and 3 adults embarked on a drive to Calais, ME over the week of July 4th. The experience was a spiritually fulfilling challenge which brought us closer to one another and to the Lord. Many thanks are due to the adult chaperones who accompanied me on the trip- Skip Slauson and Ed Strom- as well as the Girl's Friendly Society who provided a \$5000 grant. Their generosity made the trip practically expense free for attendees, and allowed us to put much of the money we raised in 2011 towards 2012! In our Bible studies we focused on books and concepts chosen by the teens. We worked on shaping our own individual faith through discussions that emphasized understanding the scripture and sharing the thoughts and feelings it evokes. We enjoyed fellowship through board games and many unique versions of pool. Finally, in 2011 the EYC said goodbye to Ben Maddison. We are happy for his continued success on the path to seminary, and grateful for the knowledge and humor he brought to the group. EYC continues to meet Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in the teen room. Youth in grades 8-12 are welcomed.