

Christ Church Episcopal



103rd Annual Meeting

31 January AD 2010

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REGISTER

AD 2009

CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, Bishop
The Rev. William P. Baumgarten, Vicar – Ret. Aug. 31st
The Rev. Edwina Aker – Supply

OFFICERS

Greg Scarff, Senior Warden
Colby Wood, Junior Warden
John Bertram, Treasurer
Bill Basko, Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

John Bertram `11
Tom Carlson `12
Deb Hodges `11
Barb Myers `12
Jon Olsen `12
Lisa Poler `11
Valerie Purdy `10
Greg Scarff `10
Charden Wood `10
Colby Wood `10

BAPTIZED

Camilla Chloe Noullet
Miriam Robyn Smith

CONFIRMED

MARRIED

Alexander Joseph Dooling & Julie Ann Darling
George Keith Heyes & Nichole Regel Slocum

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Members	167	171	168
Communicants	127	131	129
Sundays	66	67	68

Senior Wardens Report 2009 AD

Paraphrasing a recent report from the TEC...

House of Deputies committee addresses vitality of the Church

There are underlying indications of vitality in The Episcopal Church despite signs the church is “swimming against some difficult cultural tides,” according to Matilda Kistler, chair of the House of Deputies State of the Church Committee. She continued, “We find ourselves facing a society that is gravitating toward secularism. We also believe that the church-going segment of the public is aging significantly “The internal conflicts within the Episcopal Church have also distracted from the message of hope our clergy and lay leaders seek to share. However, those issues have not clouded our commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

She pointed out that previous eras of difficulty in church history have led “to periods of reflection, focus, recommitment to mission and ultimately growth in the community of faith. I think we are on the brink of seeing a transformation within the Body of Christ in general, and in the Episcopal Church in particular.”

My observation of this community (Christ Church – Kalispell) is best put by Eugene Peterson. This, from a book he wrote, that the Friday men’s group just started reading.

“The local congregation is the place and community for listening to and obeying Christ’s commands, for inviting people to consider and respond to Jesus’ invitation, “Follow me,” a place and community for worshipping God.”

“A Christian congregation is a company of praying men and women who gather, usually on Sunday’s, for worship, who then go into the world as salt and light. God’s Holy Spirit calls and forms this people. God means to do something with us, and he means to do it in a community. We are in on what God is doing, and we are in on it together.”

That is truthfully what Christ Church is all about.

Highlights to mention for 2009:

- ✓ SWEEPS was put into effect with much success.
- ✓ Retirement of a respected and loved leader of our parish after 30 years of service in the TEC – Rev. William Baumgarten.
- ✓ Implementation of “Church Windows” software to simplify treasurers responsibilities and simplify some of the work being done.
- ✓ Security and safety reviewed and addressed for all 3 buildings on site.
- ✓ Financial generosity continued on all fronts. Our mission in Brazil, General operating fund, Camp Marshall contributions, and foundation fund contributions and growth.
- ✓ Minor capital improvements were ramped up this fall in order to “get out of the way” before a new rector arrives. i.e. (in-process) painting of the Parish House.

As I had in my report last year, it still holds true this year...

It has been a privilege to serve as Senior Warden and observe the loving labors of an outstanding and selfless Vestry and parish. Everyone knows what they contribute here, and around the Flathead valley, and it's truly appreciated. We are blessed to have so many talents and skills that come together here at Christ Church.

In Christ,

Greg Scarff
Senior Warden
Years 2007 – 2009

Jr Warden's Report

2009 was an eventful year to have served as Junior Warden at Christ Church. We said good-bye to a beloved leader, experienced mischievous vandalism in Dickey Hall and multiple break-ins by the same perpetrator! Thankfully, Christ Church is blessed with a full and active "Body"... I certainly didn't and couldn't have handled these things on my own – and often felt that the full burden of the job was not laid at my feet.

My hope for serving in this position was to help create and continue to support an open and approachable vestry. To help ensure that as we go through all the changes that are required of us as a Parish we continue to communicate with one another and allow each other the grace to make mistakes and to shine! I see this occur over and over again in Christ Church and I hope that I was even just a small part that allowed that to happen.

Yours in Christ,
Colby Wood

Christ Church Episcopal Search Committee Report

This current search committee was selected by the vestry and began working with the Diocese of Montana even before Fr Baumgarten retired in August. We were commissioned to provide up to 3 candidates ranked in order of our preference to the vestry. The vestry at that time may decide to offer a call to one of the candidates, or begin the process again.

The committee and several other parishioners met with Canon Maurice Champion-Garth in early summer and to review our history, our identity as a parish, and where we hope to go in the next few years. Within a couple months we completed a parish profile for TEC (The Episcopal Church), and submitted it to the Diocese. In the mean time the committee has met regularly to discuss our process, develop interview questions, and continue to build community within our group.

The 3rd week of this January, we finally received some prescreened names from the Diocese. We will work diligently evaluate those candidates to discern if we should recommend any to the vestry.

Our discernment process will include interviews, references, and possibly a visit by the candidate to our parish.

Please continue to keep the Search Committee in your prayers.

In Christ,
Tom Carlson, Search Committee Chairperson

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

In July, 2009, Father Bill and I began meeting to prepare for his retirement and for my upcoming "worship facilitator" job until we hire a new Priest. I have since then come to appreciate the many details that he performed so well for our worship services. I have also come to appreciate the ability and dedication of a number of people who faithfully carry out their duties for Worship at Christ Church Episcopal. Barbara Alsbury prepares the bulletins, insert and handouts for our Sunday worship every single Thursday. Julie Crandall (and her great substitute Betty Olson) led the music ministry capably and beautifully. Nancy Faure and the Altar Guild do their behind the scenes magic to make our sanctuary serene and lovely. Marilyn and Ed Eberly coordinate the ministers and acolytes. Colby Wood leads us in Godly Play. The counters and ushers carry out their duties faithfully. The Order of St. Luke continues to grow and thrive. The Vestry guides our choices when we need help. In all, this is a pretty cool committee to facilitate, because everyone knows what to do and takes responsibility for doing it well. We all know that Father Bill trained us well for our tasks. And we all thank this parish family for allowing us to do this work at Christ Church in Jesus name.

Please refer to the written individual reports for each of these ministries and I invite you to call or catch me with suggestions, ideas or constructive criticism about our Worship efforts.

Barbara Myers

Godly Play

Thank you to all of you for supporting another year of Godly Play at Christ Church. Through generous donations we were able to purchase a number of new stories and supplies this year! Thank you again it wouldn't happen without you! I have had the opportunity to present Godly Play stories at both the 8 am and the 10 am services at Morning Prayer – I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. I look forward to having the same opportunity in the future. There has also been some talk of doing another Wednesday Night Evening Group Godly Play Session – I look forward to this also!

Currently we are experiencing a 'shortage' of age appropriate children – Kindergarten through 5th Grade - and I would ask each and every one of you to make time to invite anyone you know who has children that you think might enjoy coming on Sunday Mornings (even if Mom & Dad don't want to come to church!) If you would like me to send a personal invitation to someone, let me know, I would be happy to do this!

I am continually blessed by being part of this Parish Family!

Colby Wood
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Music Ministry Report

Another year and more great music at Christ Church! Even with our small core choir (of 4-5 members) we continue to sing throughout the year and enjoy being a part of the service each Sunday, worshiping Jesus Christ, our Savior through our music. A big thank you to those who continue to share their gift of singing week after week: Barb Alsbury, Julie Pierrottet, Colby Wood, Charden Wood. We have also been blessed once again to provide a full choir of 14 + singers for Easter and Christmas services with many singers outside of our church family.

Also we are able to occasionally provide contemporary music with the guitar music of Tom Carlson. Thank you to Tom for his desire and willingness to participate with his gift of music. We were also blessed to have a substitute pianist during the weeks I was recovering from surgery. This included providing the accompaniment for both Christmas services. Thank you to Betty Olson for her contributions and we look forward to having you play again.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and get well wishes during the time of my surgery and absence from church services for several weeks. I am blessed to be a part of the Christ Church family and look forward to another year filled with exciting music.

Blessings to all,
Julie Crandell, MusicDirector

CHRIST CHURCH ALTAR GUILD

Balance January 1, 2009	\$2,488.81
Deposits in 2009	<u>1,453.00</u>
Total to be accounted for	\$3,941.81

Disbursements:

Flowers	508.94
Wine	112.80
Wafers	22.70
Candle Liquid	154.75
Charcoal for incense	28.60
Retirement gift	125.00
Vestment cleaning	132.30
Christmas Eve candles	<u>55.98</u>
	\$1,141.07

Balance December 31, 2009	<u>\$2,800.74</u>
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Nancy Faure

**Order of Saint Luke the Physician Healing Ministry
Christ Church Episcopal 2009**

The OSL healing ministry continues to thrive and learn more regarding healing in the name of God. We continue with our twice monthly meetings for study, planning and prayer. These meetings are on Saturday mornings at 8:30AM in the Parish House. All are welcome who may also be interested in the mystery of Christ's healing ministry. The quarterly healing services, Autumn/Spring Equinox and Winter/Summer Solstice, offered at CCE have been on Sundays at 4pm. Our most recent was two weeks ago January 10, 2010 celebrating the birth of Christ, the Epiphany and the Winter Solstice. Please let us know if you have any prayer requests, we would love to include them in our prayers. Please feel free to ask questions of any of the OSL members at CCE, Marilyn Eberly, Deb Hodges, Betty Olson or Cary Saunders.

**LAY READER/LECTOR
REPORT FOR 2010**

We have had another very busy, successful year for the Lectors and Lay Readers. At present we have a total of 11 Lectors and 8 Lay Readers. At 10:00 we have 7 Lectors and at 8:00 we have 2-4 Lectors available to schedule from. The Lay Readers have been accommodating so we have all 8 that are available for the 08:00 or the 10:00 service. The reason for the variable numbers, people leave for the winter or just plain travel a lot. We could use a couple more Lectors for 8:00.

When the priest is not available the Lay Reader conducts the services doing Morning Prayer, unless a substitute priest is brought in. This has been quite successful as the Lay Readers are very willing and able to do a meaningful homily or provide with some type of "sermon" when necessary in the absence of the priest. The Lectors can give a homily if they are so inclined or if approved by the priest or the vestry, any member of the church could do so.

On an as needed basis the Lay Readers and Lectors meet for sharing and exchanging thoughts about how to make this ministry more meaningful and helpful for Christ Church. We have met with the Worship Committee and the supply priest once or twice to help make our services more meaningful in the absence of a regular priest.

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Reader or Lector please talk with any member of the vestry or myself as we are always open to training new people. A good way to start, if interested in being a Lay Reader, is to be a Lector, especially if you are really not sure.

Being a Lector or Lay Reader is very rewarding and provides a wonderful ministry to Christ Church and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank all the Lectors and Lay Readers for your dedicated service and devotion to this ministry and will welcome any newcomers who express an interest.

In Christ
Marilyn Eberly

Acolyte Report - Annual meeting **January 31, 2010**

Acolytes in the Episcopal Church play a very important role in our services.

This is a wonderful for our young people to be more intimately involved in the inner-workings of our Church, and they are able to see the service from behind the Altar. Sometimes, things happen behind the Altar the people in the congregation are not aware of, but yet, they are important to the service.

The Acolyte program at Christ Church is functioning well, and those involved are doing a good job. However, we need to recruit more young people. If they are Baptized, they are qualified. If someone is interested, but unsure, all they have to do is talk to me. I will include them in a service (no commitment necessary), and then they can decide if they would like to serve.

Currently we have four young people and five adults trained as Acolytes. I continue to look for new candidates to serve at Christ Church. We need to get more of our young people involved in this ministry. Except for myself (as trainer) my goal is to have our young people take over the 10 AM service entirely.

The 8 AM service is proving to be more difficult, and requires that we continue to utilize adults. Right now, we are placing a burden on the trained adults now serving. (The loss of Ted really complicated things for us). It would help tremendously if a couple of adults would consider this ministry. I will work with anyone interested, as long as necessary, until they are ready.

I hope that in 2010, we can train a couple of more adults to serve as Acolytes for the 8 AM service and couple of young people for 10 AM. We need to have enough people trained so that an Acolyte will serve less than one Sunday per month.

Ed Eberly
Acolyte Master

**CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP REPORT 2009**

By Janelle fuller

2009 was a year of highs and lows for our group. We had many laughs together, but we also had our share of tears. We had some very close friends pass away, we said goodbye to our beloved Father Bill, and the group almost said goodbye and Kristine and I. Through all of this, the group remained strong and we are as close as ever. I find every year I am learning more from the kids than they are from me!

In 2009 we had Luis (whom we love and miss!!), Antonio and Chauncey graduate. We also saw Elaine (Clemow) get married to Dillon Warn! And we've experienced quite a bit of growth in our middle school age group.

Some specific highlights were our lock-ins, a progressive dinner that included giving the kids letters of encouragement, a girls self-esteem night, our summer camping trip, Pastor Fred's visit, a sleep over night with Peggy Scarff in which she led us in making prayer bracelets, our church retreat at camp, and our Christmas play.

Last year also included a lot of personal changes for co-leader Kristine and I. She auditioned for a dance college in Seattle and got accepted! We planned on moving there to (both) continue our educations. We also moved out of our apartment and worked up in Glacier Park last summer at a youth group member's family restaurant. As fall approached we were not able to find jobs or a place to live in Seattle. Kristine was also unable to get the funding needed for her school. After much discussion and prayer, we decided to stay in Kalispell. With the decision to stay here, we planned on getting our youth ministry back into full swing. Unfortunately the fall/winter of 2009 brought about many health problems for me. I got sick, and then I got some serious tooth infections. I had to get 5 teeth pulled, and have been experiencing migraines and dizziness ever since. Sadly this has resulted in a less-than regular youth group schedule.

Along with the rocky schedule at the beginning of this school year, we also had our youth group curriculum stolen when the church was broken into. Thankfully the insurance will replace it. Although we haven't been able to meet as regularly as we would like, we were able to attend many events that our youth are involved in. We've been to go to more sporting events, plays, concerts and speech events than we've ever been able to in the past. It's been really enjoyable for us to see our kids in their elements and outside of the youth group setting. We are immensely proud of each of our members, and are thankful for the chance to know them. I want to especially recognize Charden Wood who has been the youth seat on our vestry throughout this last year. Her dedication and insight has been such a blessing!

2010 is going to be a great year for our group. We are planning on another camping trip, and hopefully going on a road trip to see some of our camp friends across the state. Also, due to the success of our 2009 Christmas play, we are hoping to do a spring production for the church as well! And upon overwhelming request, we will host another TIPS dinner. We are especially concentrating bringing in other youth who need the love and friendship our kids have to offer. Kristine and I will be in Australia for about a month this spring, but we want to have our group continue to meet in our absence. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know! Again, a humble thank you for the opportunity to work here. I love you all, and I love my job.

Christ Church Annual Foundation Report 2009

The Christ Church Foundation was founded in 1982 to manage and disperse money specifically given to the foundation. Since that date the foundation has invested donations primarily in dividend/interest paying stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit and mutual funds, and has returned the earned income from these investments to Christ Church.

The foundation funds have a valuation of about \$236,000. Last year was reported at a value of almost \$163,000. The difference is 73k, with 28k of that coming in contributions this year. A couple of donations were received late in the year in the amount of \$5,000 and 2,000 shares of Semitool stock with a valuation of just over \$22,000.

We have gained back much of the market share we lost when the economy fell off a cliff in September of 2008. We have made up losses with some good investments that have grown certainly by the grace of God. The best part of a down market is it's a great time to get in (buying low) and that's what we have done in a big way. We have bought and sold realizing returns of 15 to 55% in most cases. All the while we have been trying to keep diversified and safe.

After Father Bill's retirement the Vestry recommended to re-invest the funds usual dividends, that are used for monthly operating expenses, until a later date. This is helping the fund grow.

Last year estimated total annual dividends for the fund on December 31st was about \$7,200. Right now that amount is roughly \$14,000.

I want to emphasize how important it is for members of this parish to remember this fund when compiling their will or if they might need to make a donation for tax purposes. This fund helps maintain the long term financial ability to pay a portion of the church's operating expenses. It helps keep the doors open and it's a great long lasting way to benefit the future of this parish.

Minutes of the Foundation Fund meetings (generally quarterly) and statements are available for your review. Just set a time with me to show you the paperwork. Monthly oral reports are given to the Vestry.

Current officers of the Christ Church Foundation are: Greg Scarff President, Kris Carlson Secretary, and Ed Eberly.

In Christ,
Greg Scarff
Senior Warden
Foundation President

Financial Report 2009

The year 2009 has been one of many changes at Christ Church Episcopal.

I took over as Treasurer in April of this year. I instantly had a new appreciation of the work that Sassi Forden had done for these past years. Thank you to her for her many years of faithful service.

Last year the Vestry purchased new accounting software and it was fully implemented this year. While it has taken some effort to get up and running, it has greatly streamlined the accounting process. We are now able to record and report the finances of the church with greater accuracy and detail while taking much less time and effort. This change can be seen in the new look of the Vestry's treasurer reports and the annual giving statements. It is now easy to print a giving statement at anytime of the year should one need it for reference.

With Father Bill's retirement we are officially off the Diocese Missioner Program and are a freestanding Parish. This is definitely something to celebrate; however, it means increased responsibility for Christ Church. The major change is that we will no longer receive help in paying for the priest package. The diocese has been paying a portion of the package for several years. This has been gradually decreasing and this year amounted to about \$7000. When we call a new priest we will be responsible for all of the expenses.

The final total received for Father Bill's travel fund was \$3200. He was given a check on Aug. 31st, his last official day as priest. Thank you for all who contributed. It was a great gift that was well earned.

The numbers in the year end balance sheet do not reflect the generosity and good work of Christ Church members. You have given \$4,227 to help the orphanage in Uganda, \$1,950 to Barb Baumgarten to support her mission work in Brazil, and \$72 to Episcopal Relief & Development via the Bishops Blend coffee program. \$2023 was given directly to camp Marshall, \$1000 was given for camp scholarships, and \$500 was given to the camp in the name of Edwina Aker in honor of her service to us. The Priest Discretionary Fund received \$1410.

If you would like to contribute to these, or any of the special accounts, just mark your intentions in the memo line of your gift. One hundred percent of all designated gifts go to the fund that it was intended for and can only be used for that purpose.

Finally the total costs of the Bathroom Remodel Project have been reconciled. The total cost of the project was \$97,331.00. We received \$95,014.90 in designated donations for the project. The remaining balance was paid out of the existing Building Improvement Fund.

The accompanying financial overview gives the ending balances of our bank accounts and allocation of funds in the various special accounts. Our total operating expenses were in the black for 2009 with income exceeding expenses by \$6553 and we increased our total assets by \$19,078.

John Bertram
Treasurer

Financial Overview 2009

2009 Total Operating Income	\$99,145.42
2009 Total Operating Expense	\$92,592.26
2009 Total Designated Income	\$51,032.73
2009 Total Designated Expenditure	\$38,507.43
2009 Total Pass Through Recorded	\$19,353.85

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2009

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.100	First Insterstate Bank	\$9,637.82
1.200.100	Whitefish Credit Union	\$161,168.98
	Total Assets	\$170,806.80
Liabilities		
2.100.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	5,000.00
2.100.200	Payroll Withholdings	
2.100.201	State	108.00
2.100.202	Federal	145.32
	<i>Total Payroll Withholdings</i>	\$253.32
	Total Liabilities	\$5,253.32
Fund Balances		
3.100.100	General Operating Fund Balance	\$14,797.95
3.200.200	<i>Building Balance</i>	
3.200.201	Building Emergency Balance	4,453.06
3.200.202	Building Improvement Balance	57,636.06
3.200.203	Access Balance	0.00
	<i>Total Building Balance</i>	\$62,089.12
3.200.300	Columbarium Balance	\$4,174.39
3.200.400	Memorial Balance	\$55,533.00
3.200.500	Godly Play Balance	\$12.03
3.200.600	<i>Worship Balance</i>	
3.200.601	Organ Balance	2,649.80
3.200.602	E-Music Balance	0.00
3.200.603	Sound System Balance	514.50
3.200.640	Clergy Search Balance	4,875.20
3.200.650	Special Events Balance	197.46
	<i>Total Worship Balance</i>	\$8,236.96
3.200.700	<i>Youth Accounts</i>	
3.200.701	Youth General Balance	785.92
3.200.702	Uganda Mission Balance	160.00
3.200.703	Camp Marshall Grants Balance	0.00
	<i>Total Youth Accounts</i>	\$945.92
3.200.800	Savings Balance	\$19,642.61
3.200.900	<i>Pass Through Balance</i>	
3.200.901	Pass Through General Balance	0.00
3.200.910	Bishops's Blend Coffee Balance	0.00
3.200.920	Pamphlets/Calendars/etc. Pass Through Balance	21.50
3.200.930	Pass Thru - No Deposit Balance	0.00
3.200.940	Mission - Barb Baumgarten Balance	100.00
	<i>Total Pass Through Balance</i>	\$121.50
Total Fund Balance		\$165,553.48
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$170,806.80