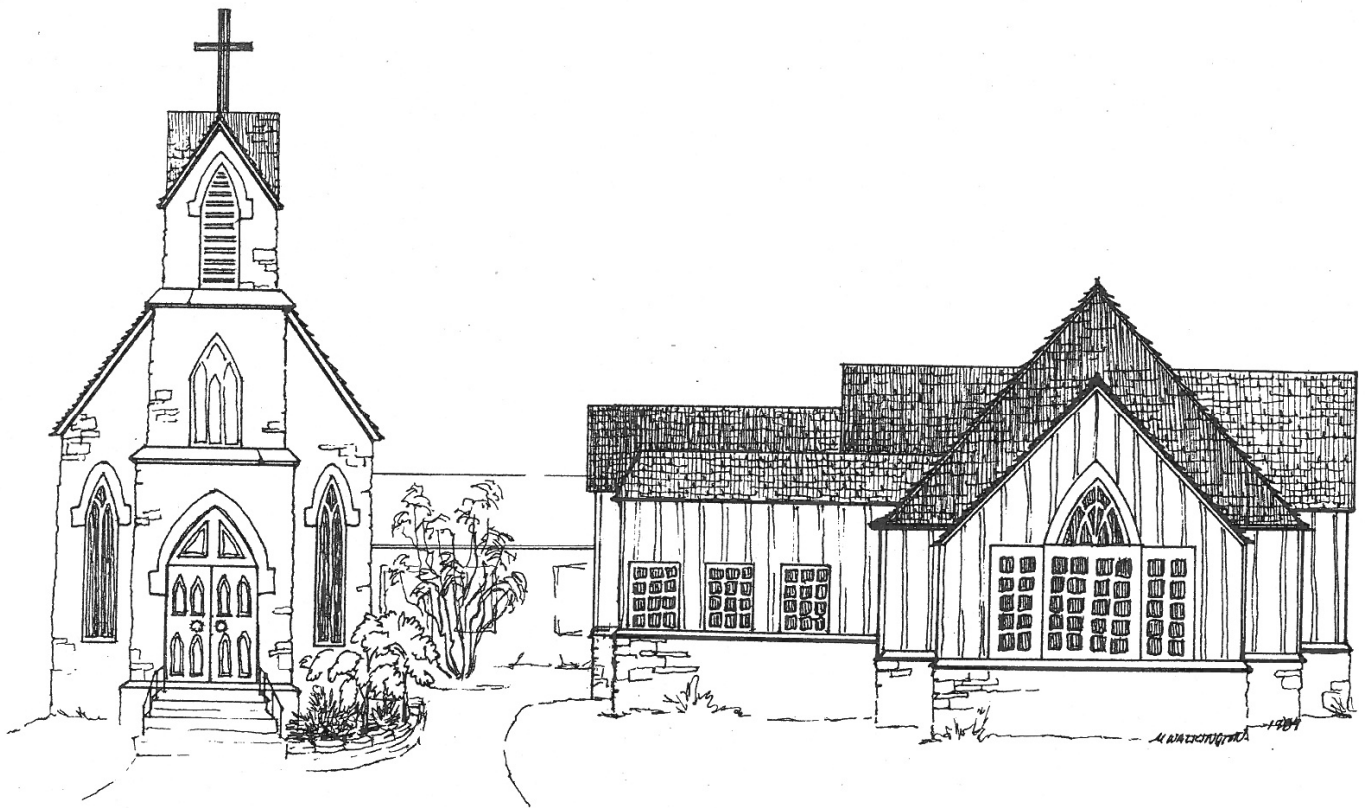


2010 Annual Parish Report



*St. Mark's Church
Geneva, Illinois
January 23, 2011*



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

January 23, 2011

Dear Friend,

January is named from Roman mythology. Janus was the god of gates, doorways, beginnings, endings, and time. He is shown two-faced: one head looks back (at last year) and one looks forward into the future.

We at St. Mark's celebrate the One who said, "I am the gate" (John 10:7) and "I am the Alpha and the Omega" (Rev. 1:8). Our times are in His hands (as the birthday prayer says). I hope you have a sense that the Lord has been with you in 2010 and will stay by your side in the year ahead. That is certainly true for us as a church family, and you will see it reflected in the enclosed reports.

I want to underscore two blessings from 2010. First, we have opened The Prodigal Café on Sunday mornings. Fellowship and friendship are encouraged as we meet over coffee and breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Linda Palmer and Carol Rennolds for organizing and orchestrating this important work. Come On Back!

Second, we held our Freedom 2010 campaign. This successful effort has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars, with pledges for another \$600,000 to come. We have paid down an extra \$100,000 on the mortgage; upgraded the chapel air conditioning; built a church in Madagascar; helped feed people in Haiti; and sent youth mission teams to Mexico and Kentucky. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and help with this important work. Look for more about Freedom 2010 from Elaine Wolf, treasurer, in this annual report. We hope to have the mortgage completely paid by this time next year.

Looking ahead ... 2011 promises to be a year of spiritual growth for each of us. In addition to youth mission trips and the choir singing in England, there are great opportunities here at home through Alpha, serving the needy of the Fox Valley, the Men's Ministries, Children's and Youth Ministries, Bible studies, and the 100-Day Journey.

What about you? What doors will Jesus open in your life in the year ahead?

His Servant,

Mark

THE MISSION OF SAINT MARK'S

The mission of Saint Mark's is to worship and glorify God as a community in the Anglican tradition and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and example.

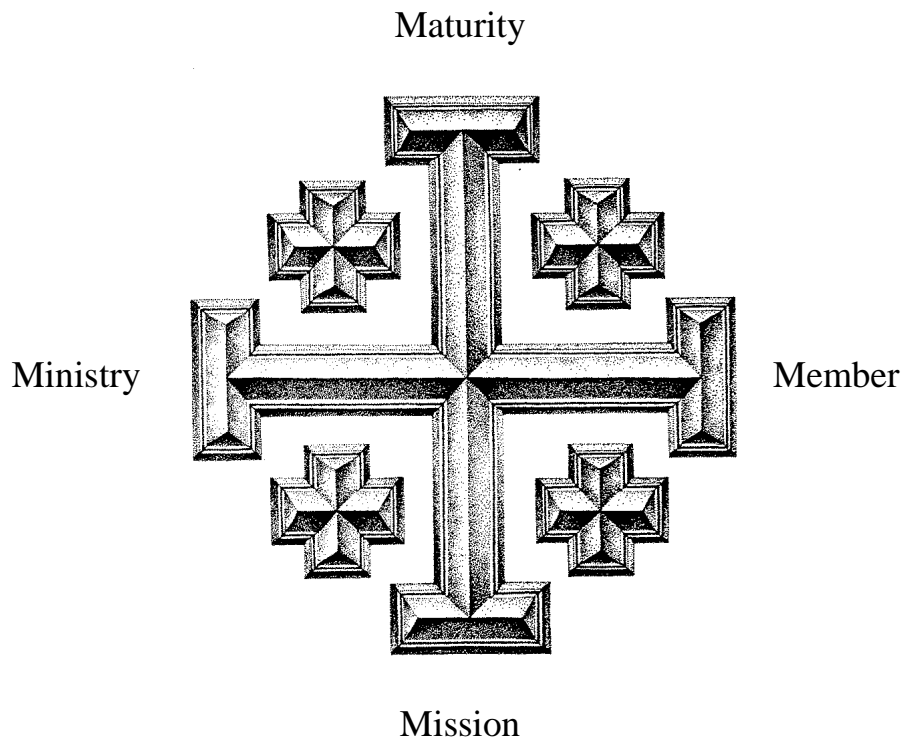
We are firmly committed to Christian worship, Christian fellowship, Christian outreach, and Christian education.

A historical form of Christian *Worship* through liturgy is the central focus of our communal life and reflects our desire to be rooted deeply in the traditions of the Church, the foundations of scripture, and in our heritage as a community. Our worship combines the talents of our priests and lay leaders in celebration of the sacraments, praise and thanksgiving through excellent music, instruction and challenge through inspiring preaching, and prayer for our needs and those of others.

Christian *Fellowship* includes the many ways in which we nurture and love each other, as we gather together for food and fun and support one another in spiritual learning and growth.

Christian *Outreach* is the intention of all aspects of our life at Saint Mark's, as we seek to bear witness to the truth of God in Christ. We have a vigorous program to help those in need, and we support the work of missions throughout the world.

Christian *Education* is a vital part of our ministry and centers around a desire to teach the love of Christ as revealed in scripture and to make practical application of our faith to daily life.



RECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms	20
Marriages	6
Burials	7

Meg D'Arcy + James Beth + Christopher Carpenter +
Diane Kammes + Virginia Lightfine + Charles Rickard + Jeff Sorce +

BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Last Reported	1108
Added By Baptism.	20
Added By Transfers.	8
Transferred To Other Parishes & Dioceses	14
Present Number Of Baptized Members	1122

CONGREGATION

Families	341
Individuals	92
Active Member Units	433
Total Number of Contributors (\$1,036,169)	595

SERVICES

Celebration Of Holy Communion	271
(Includes Sundays and Holy Days)	

Ministry Contacts

MINISTRY

Acolytes
Adult Sunday School
Alcoholics Anonymous
Alpha
Altar Guild
Angel Tree
Audio-Visual Room
Bible Study Saturday 8 a.m.
Blood Drive
Cathedral Shelter Christmas Baskets
Cherished Children
Children's Ministries
Choir
Christmas Pageant

Computer Administration
Confirm not Conform
Exodus World Service
Financial Peace University
Flower Guild
Garden Guild
Greeters
Hallelujah Children's Choir
Hesed House
Inquirer's Class
Instrumentalists
Junior High Youth
Knitting Ministry
Lay Readers/Chalice Bearers
Lay Visitation
Lazarus House
Library
Matthew 25 Ministries
Meals From The Heart
Men's Ministries
Missions
Nursery
Order of St. Luke
Prayer Chain
Prayer Ministers
Prodigal Café
Property
Salvation Army Food Pantry
Senior High Youth
Spiritual Direction
St. Mark's Choir
Trinity Soup Kitchen
St. Cecilia Children's Choir
St. Marker Newsletter
Sunday Bulletin
Ushers 9, 10:30 am
Vacation Bible School
Vergers
Women Celebrate

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Sam Wolf: 630-232-4400
Fred Stickle: 630-584-6883
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Vestry Candidates

Julie Hepker

Julie Hepker and her husband Kurt have raised 3 daughters, who have grown and moved from the Fox Valley. Julie is a teacher at Geneva High School and has taught Sunday School at St. Mark's. She is a member of Altar Guild and has been involved with the knitting ministry. She has been a member of St. Mark's for 14 years.

Steven Mole

Steven Mole is married to Elise and has 3 children in the Sunday School and Youth programs. In addition to small group leadership, he has ministered with the youth both as a mentor/leader, and as a volunteer on last summer's mission trip. He is a Chalice Bearer and Usher, and usually attends the 9:00 service.

Ed Rohde

Ed Rohde and his wife Kathy have been members of St. Mark's for 16 years. They live in West Chicago and usually attend the 9:00 service, where they serve as Greeters. Their children are grown. Ed has served on the Freedom 2010 Campaign, traveled to Israel and Honduras with St. Mark's, and attends the Saturday morning Rector's Study.

Mike Zimmer

Mike Zimmer and his wife Jill have 4 children actively involved in the Sunday School and Youth programs at St. Mark's. Mike helps lead a men's Bible study, coordinates our Lazarus House ministry, and has been responsible for the Salvation Army bell ringing. For many years, he has made the summer mission trip with our teens. Mike usually attends the 9:00 worship service.

Assistant Rector's Report

Dear Saint Markers,

Thank you for the joy and privilege of serving God with you at St. Mark's. In 2010, I was delighted in so many ways and in so many different settings.

This October, we welcomed about 25 newcomers at a pizza in the fellowship hall. It was really enjoyable to see that people of all ages are attracted to St. Mark's, and are taking on ministry opportunities.

During the fall of 2010, we ran a multi-generational Alpha Course, which had about 20 high school youth and 30 adults coming together for supper, teaching and group discussion. I loved the combination! I The Sr. High band, Wrestling with Trees, led worship alternatively with Catherine Balassie. We also shared supper with the 8th grade confirmation class; some of their parents took Alpha. It was exciting to see whole families growing together in their relationship with God! Thank you, Evan Davis, for collaborating. And thank you, Alpha team - especially our Kitchen Team, who stepped up to the challenge with grace and enthusiasm. If you like to cook and serve, they would love the additional help. Let me know; we have great fun!

Sunday morning Adult Ed is also growing. This fall Sherri Gerard, Jan Kraus and Paul Kraus, stepped up into adult education by leading the Challenging Lifestyle series. And Amy Reynertson offered "Enough," to complement our sermon series about living simply. It is exciting to see more and more people turning up both at 9:00 and at 10:30 for to grow together.

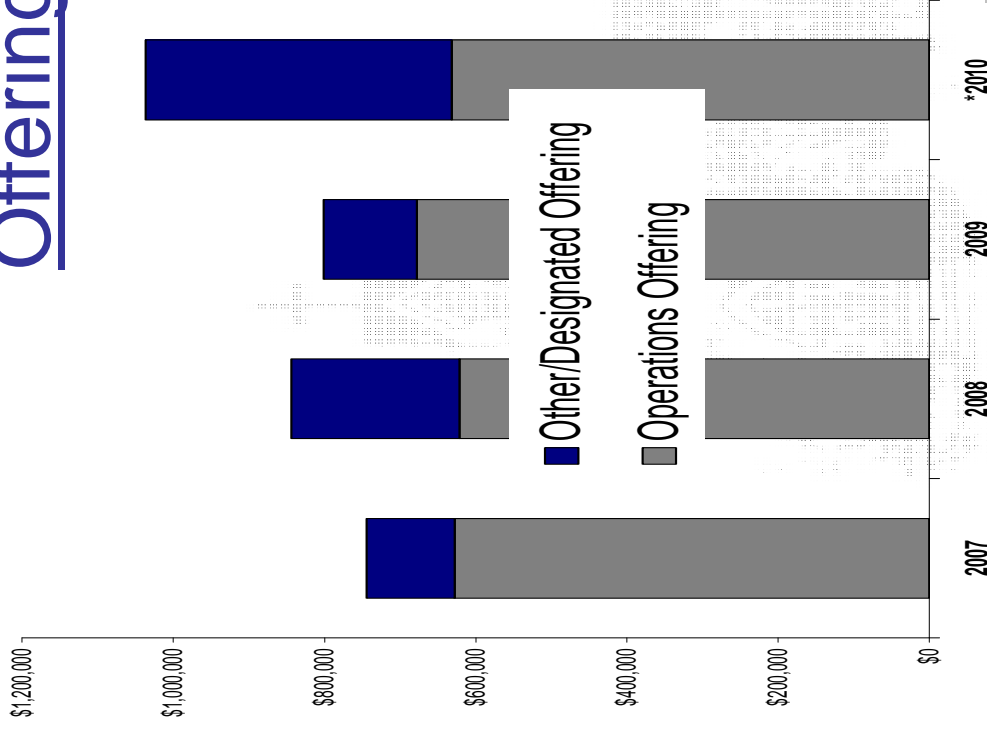
Speaking of Adult Education, do you know that there is a committee led by Bob Wright, which is researching and strategizing about how to grow our adult spiritually? Early in the fall, they surveyed the parish about your views and needs for adult education. Surveys are still coming in from our younger families with the help of Carol Rennolds. Thank you, to Bob Wright, who is leading this effort, Brian Miller, who is conducting the survey, and the other team members: Karen Miller, Lee Joiner, Mark Neibch, Steve Moshier and Dennis Walker.

New Adult Education offerings are always in the works. Check your bulletin and the St. Marker!

Faithfully,

Pastor Claudia

Offering Recap - 2010



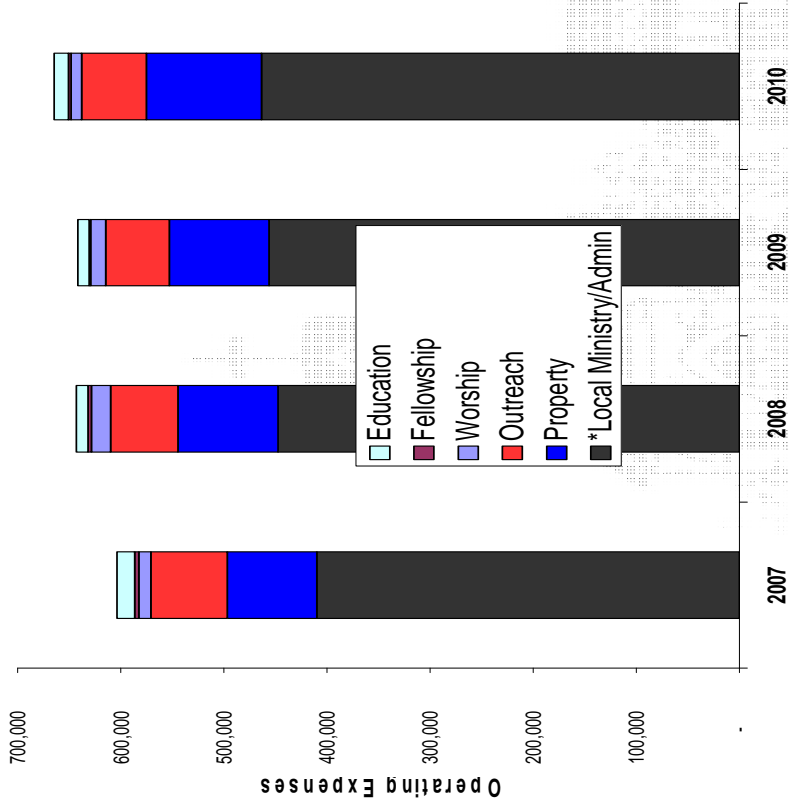
- **Total offering was \$1,036,168**
 - \$636,762 was for Planned (budgeted) Offering
 - \$53,238 or 8% below plan (budget)
 - \$27,868 or 4% below need (actual expenses)
 - \$259,984 for “Freedom 2010”
 - \$139,422 for other/designated ministries
- Bank (cash) balance
 - Jan 1, 2010: \$87,799
 - Dec 31, 2010: \$141,762

Four-year Offering Trend

	2007	2008	2009	*2010	Change vs. LY	% vs. LY
Operations Offering	628,112	621,302	677,508	636,762	(40,746)	-6%
Other/Designated Offering	116,171	222,702	123,778	399,406	275,628	69%
	744,283	844,004	801,286	1,036,168	234,882	23%

* Includes "Freedom 2010"

Expense Recap - 2010



- Total operating expenses paid: \$664,630
 - 4% less than plan (budget)
 - 4% more than the operational offering
- Mortgage principle paid: \$124,830
 - \$100,000 principle paid from "Freedom 2010"
 - \$24,830 principle (normal mortgage payment)
 - \$24,700 interest (normal mortgage payment)
- Ending mortgage (principle) balance: \$330,027
- No funds were given to the local diocese in 2010 (operational or other) and are not planned in 2011

Four-year Operational Expense Trend

	2007	2008	2009	*2010	Change vs. LY	% vs. LY
Operations Offering	11,799	18,713	14,557	10,169	(4,387)	-43%
Other/Designated Offering	4,154	3,543	1,478	2,476	998	40%
Operations Expenses	74,051	65,014	61,663	62,801	1,138	2%
Worship	17,054	11,088	10,952	13,906	2,954	21%
Fellowship	409,780	447,460	456,017	463,551	7,534	2%
Outreach	86,965	97,227	96,993	111,727	14,734	13%
Education	603,803	643,045	641,660	664,630	22,970	3%
Total Expenses	24,309	(21,743)	35,848	(27,868)	(63,716)	
Operations surplus/(deficit)						
* Includes Mortgage Interest in 2009 and 2010						
Ending Mortgage Balance	494,402	474,939	454,857	330,027		

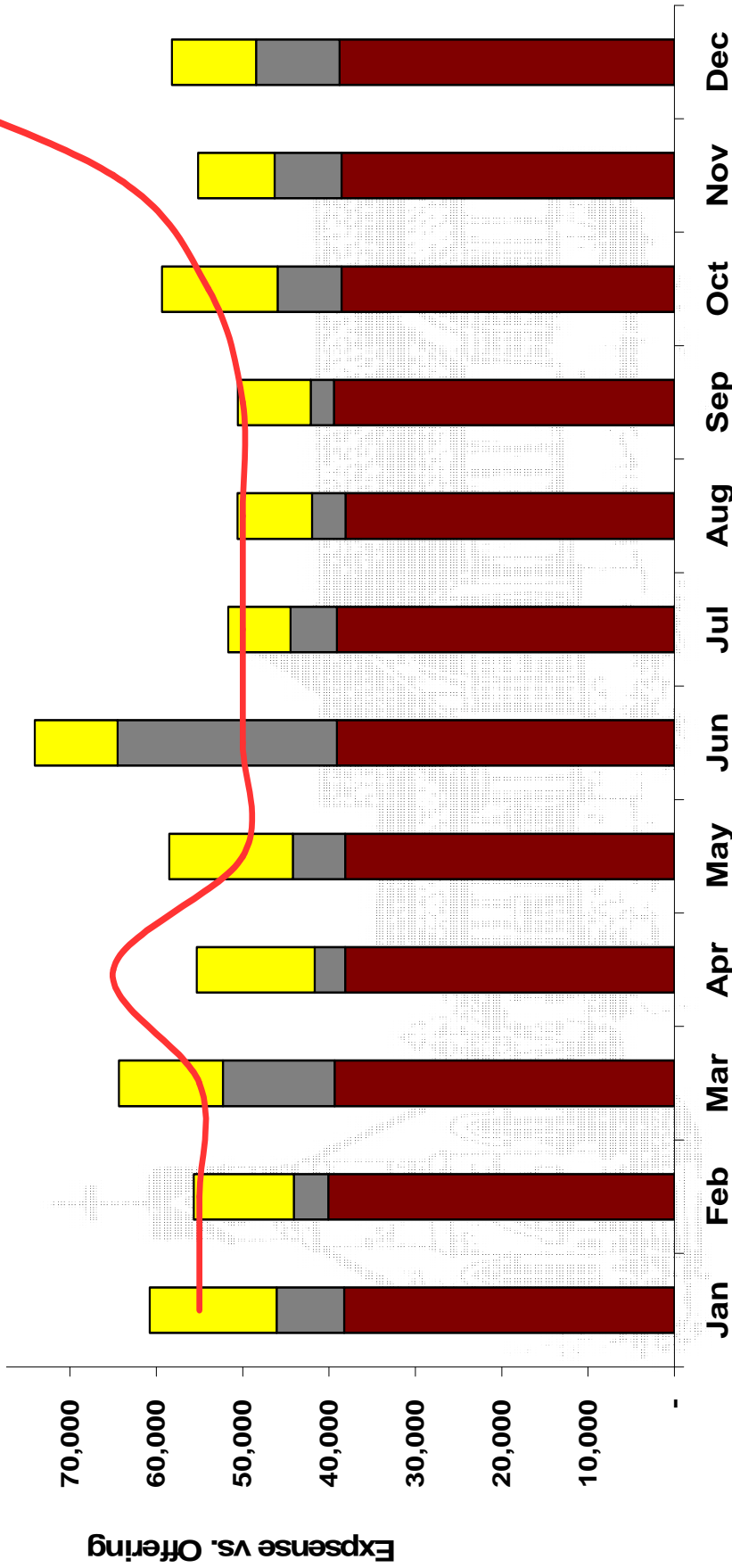
■ Total Property/incl Mortgage (I only)

■ Outreach/Missions

■ Local Ministry / Admin

— Offering

Operations Plan - 2011

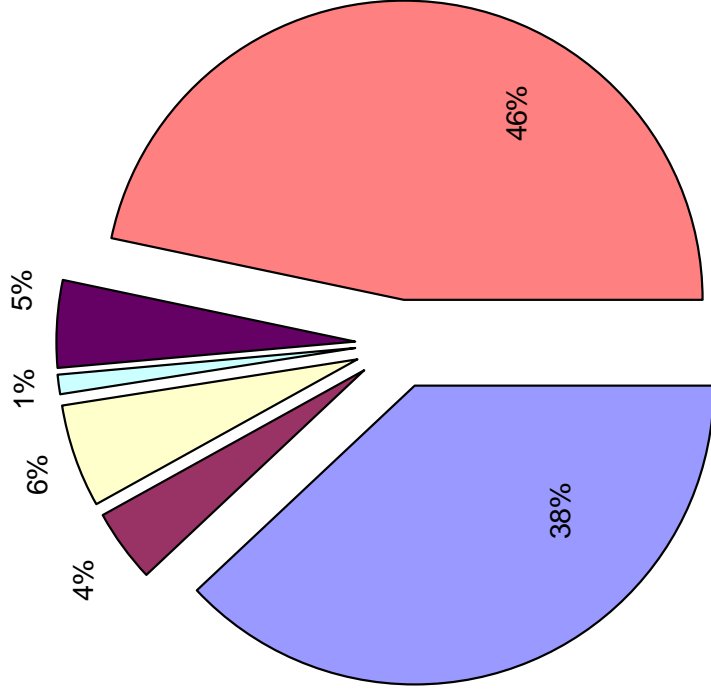


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% of Total
Offering	55,000	55,000	55,000	65,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	54,000	65,000	95,000	695,000	
Outreach/Missions	7,792	3,980	12,939	3,508	6,080	25,417	5,362	3,878	2,669	7,383	7,746	9,646	96,378	14%
Local Ministry / Admin	38,271	40,098	39,355	38,135	38,126	39,100	39,100	38,085	39,461	38,565	38,565	38,797	465,658	67%
Total Property/incl Mortgage (I only)	14,728	11,594	12,030	13,688	14,307	9,564	7,216	8,640	8,409	13,396	8,870	9,740	132,180	19%
Planned Total Expenses	60,791	55,672	64,325	55,331	58,493	74,080	51,677	50,603	50,538	59,344	55,180	58,182	694,216	
Planned Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,791)	(672)	(9,325)	9,669	(8,493)	(24,080)	(1,677)	(603)	(538)	(5,344)	9,820	37,818	784	

Cash and Fund Balance Statement
December 31, 2010

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Change in Balance</u>
<u>Cash and Investments</u>			
10002 Checking - Old Second Natl. Bank	11.37	6,267.96	(6,256.59)
10003 Checking -US Bank	102,385.78	76,803.95	25,581.83
11000 Money Market - US Bank	30,094.00	-	30,094.00
11002 Money Market - Old Second	9,270.46	10,607.34	(1,336.88)
12501 Brokerage Account - UBS	-	-	-
Total Cash and Investments	141,761.61	93,679.25	48,082.36
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
25001 Due to / (from) General Fund	(6,344.79)	16,087.15	(22,431.94)
25002 Acolytes	(122.94)	(15.47)	(107.47)
25003 Capital Improvements	11,522.78	11,522.78	-
25004 Church Contingency	9,834.06	9,834.06	-
25005 Garden Landscape	-	-	-
25006 Columbarium	(6,822.21)	21,686.79	(28,509.00)
25009 Memorials	13,291.43	12,603.03	688.40
25010 Organ Completion Fund	-	-	-
25011 Freedom 2010	(263,088.06)	4,050.00	(267,138.06)
25012 Building Fund	-	(488,921.20)	488,921.20
25013 St. Mark's Trust	6,328.84	6,328.84	-
25015 CE Service Projects	3,550.55	-	3,550.55
25016 ECW	50.00	50.00	-
25017 Altar Guild	1,635.77	2,542.27	(906.50)
25018 Prepaid Pledges	4,600.00	4,000.00	600.00
25020 Missions Trip	-	-	-
25022 Youth Trip	(1,010.28)	860.68	(1,870.96)
25027 Brotherhood of St. Andrew	147.86	57.86	90.00
25028 Choir Mission Trip	15,209.60	2,725.60	12,484.00
25029 Deacon Discretionary	-	-	-
25030 Property Liability / Matt 25	-	-	-
25032 Del Campo Int'l School	(100.00)	-	(100.00)
25101 Flower Guild	2,915.08	2,731.34	183.74
25102 Family Night (formerly WNL)	-	-	-
25105 Women Celebrate!	4,021.37	4,096.56	(75.19)
25108 French Market	-	-	-
25201 Miscellaneous	2,325.27	4,900.22	(2,574.95)
25202 Pastor's Discretionary	11,342.65	15,333.79	(3,991.14)
25203 Assoc Pastor's Discretionary	2,447.66	8,347.91	(5,900.25)
21000 Payroll Liabilities	-	-	-
25302 Mortgage Payable - Old Second	330,026.97	454,857.04	(124,830.07)
Total Funds	141,761.61	93,679.25	48,082.36

Freedom 2010 - Year 1 Results



- Mortgage Reduction
- Chapel Air Conditioner
- Build a Church in Madagascar
- Haiti Hurricane Relief
- Youth Trips - Mexico & Kentucky
- Still to be determined by Vestry

Total Pledges - \$845,000

1st Year Receipts - \$263,000 – 31%

Total Missions – 11.4%

Total Capital Expense – 3.8%

Mortgage Reduction – 38%

Children's Ministry 2010

We envision children embracing the message of scripture, accepting a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and enjoying the blessings of corporate worship.

2010 was a great year for Children's Ministry at St. Mark's! Our Sunday school programs have maintained consistent attendance, averaging 80-100%-even on school holiday weekends. We continue to meet at 8:45 am, fulfilling objectives of bringing all children, ages 3 through grade 5, together for singing, prayer & worship. Catherine Balassie continues to be our lead facilitator during this time, we are grateful for her commitment to the children. Catherine leads the children in song, incorporating sign language and using our new audio-visual material. The kids are magnificent, lifting their voices in song and their hearts in prayer! Our plan is to continue with this early start time as it allows for all ages to interact with one another, developing lasting relationships. Both Catherine and I value our time together with the kids!

This is our second year for the special needs program-The FLOCK (**F**or the **L**ove of **C**hrist's **K**ingdom). We continue to pray for God's direction in this program as it develops. The long term mission for this ministry is to develop disciples within the disability community at St. Mark's by sharing Christ's salvation and equipping the congregation with the tools to minister to their special needs. We hope to prepare them to serve in the church so that the body of Christ at St. Mark's will be complete and serve as witness to the love of Christ for all that enter.

Our volunteer staff includes over 66 people! WOW! Please take time to pray for these men & women as they tend to be VERY active in more than one ministry! Our regular volunteers are the teachers, nursery care providers, superintendents, crafters and substitutes. We have tons more volunteers who step up intermittently and assist with our weekly set-up, clean-up & activities throughout the year that involve our parish children. Under the supervision of Susan Ives & Amy Wiedenhoeft, our nursery continues to thrive, running smoothly with excellent volunteers. We also continue to have two talented & committed high school students, Katie & Nikki Chapman, as paid weekly sitters. This is their last year as they head off to college in the fall. We will be looking for new sitters if you know of anyone!

Our kids are very generous each year with their weekly donations. These donations, combined with the special Lenten collection translate into significant missions support throughout the year. In 2010 they donated over \$800.00 to Compassion International in our 10th year of supporting the Christian educational programming of two children from Honduras. In a combined effort with Freedom 2010, the Children were able to donate \$3000.00 to Feed My Starving Children! They also made several trips to this location, donating hours of their time to pack thousands of meals to combat world hunger.

Please join us in prayer in 2011 as we seek to remain in His Will seeking opportunities to serve God, His Kingdom, and His children!

Embraced by Grace,

Carol Rennolds

Youth Ministries

At the beginning of 2010, I made this statement, “As I look into 2010, my greatest hope is to get a large number of adults pouring into the lives of students. The issues and lives that students are facing today require a large dose of mature counsel.”

I believe 2010 was a great year when we look at it from the perspective of getting adults connected with students. Everything we did aimed at getting real adults having real influence on many kids.

Take the confirmation class as our first example. There are 11 students who are going through the 16-week class, and all have personal mentors. Each pair have found their own time to meet and build relationships that are deeper than just knowing a name. Some pairs have shopped together, some pairs are doing Bible studies together, and others are spending time going to basketball games. But the main goal is to have positive influence on these students so that they can navigate through confirmation and life, with the help of a caring adult. That is pretty cool.

Then you look at the service trips. Going to Appalachia again was a great experience. But last year we made it more about making connections between adults and students on each crew. Every crew had 2 adults per 5 students. Being able to sweat together, minister together and share together, made this trip particularly meaningful. Our trip to Mexico also connected students with adults. Each night after our work and worship, we took time to open our lives to each other. We found it very rewarding to share our struggles and successes.

We have also done our service days like “Walk for Water”, “One Meal One Day, and Chicago Food Depository, which raised awareness for water and food needs around the world. Again, we had students working with adults to get a positive result.

Finally, we had high school students participate alongside adults in the Alpha class this fall. What a great experience for students to be able to wrestle deeply about faith next to adults who are doing the same. For the high school students this was a meaningful time of connection with each other and the adults around them.

My hope for 2011? I truly want to see faithful adults caring for students in such a way to point them towards a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

God bless,
Evan Davis

Music Ministries Annual Report 2010

This August marked my 10th anniversary on staff at St. Mark's! Wow -- what an amazing journey it has been. This past year proved a year of transition for our Music Ministry. Transition is never easy, and I felt God stretching me in every direction. I am grateful for the chance to grow musically as well as spiritually.

Following Senja Morgan's resignation in mid-August 2009, our music staff allocation shrank by one-third. We can all be grateful for the ways staff and volunteers have pulled together to continue to offer excellent music for our worship services. We should also extend our thanks to the Music Search Committee (Kathy Morton, chair; Nancy Jones, Sonja Brazell, Bob Gerard, and Rob Scott) whose continuing work turned out to be more demanding than they expected.

I am especially pleased with three things this year. One, I am thankful for the beautiful music the choir offered on Christmas Eve despite the illness of several key members. It is great to have an experienced choir that can make last minute music substitutions and still sing well. We can always use more singers, so if you love music, do think about joining us. Second, I love our enthusiastic St. Cecilia Choir (grades 2-5). This year's choir numbers the largest in years. The kids show excitement about our revised training program, which provides the opportunity to earn a series of medals. I am thrilled they want new things to strive for. Third, I am thankful for those singers who can't sing every week but who come out for special events like Easter Vigil, Christmas Eve and, most recently, Meg D'Arcy's memorial service. What a privilege to be able to minister through our music to her family and friends!

As we move into 2011, I am excited about working with volunteers to breathe new life into the Worship Band, and about guiding the development of the newly formed Drama Ministry. I look forward to the England Choir Residency to Worcester Cathedral July 14-25. Openings for supporters and singers are still available, so let me know if you want more information about either possibility.

Thanking God for the opportunity to serve,

Patti Hughes Mangis
Interim Director of Worship Arts

Instrumental Music Annual Report for 2010

At the end of 2010, I completed my fifth year as Director of Instrumental Music and Organist at St. Mark's Church.

During 2010, my duties consisted of providing organ and piano music for weekly worship services as well as for festival services during Lent and Advent; obtaining instrumentalists for worship; accompanying Wednesday evening choir rehearsals; and seeing that the pianos and organs were properly maintained.

I accompanied "Carols in the Chapel" on Friday evening of the Geneva Christmas Walk, and accompanied the Children's Christmas Pageant. I attended weekly staff meetings whenever possible, and served as organist for four weddings and five memorial services held at St. Mark's.

A series of hymn sings that I began in 2009 continued into 2010 with "Hymns of the Cross" on February 28, "I Come to the Garden" on April 25, and "America the Beautiful" on June 27. Each of the hymn sings was well attended! Following "America, the Beautiful", an ice cream social was held in the fellowship hall and a good time was had by all.

Several instrumentalists and soloists added greatly to the enjoyment of the various Sunday evening hymn sings....Ellen Gieser, Julianna Mueller, Nancy Jones, Catherine Balassie, Elaine Balassie, Rob Scott, Dave Frolicstein, Lee Joiner, Ren Henry, Jim Dickerson, and Boy Scout Troop 37. Steve Lowe, Deacon, served as officiant for each of the hymn sings. In addition, St. Marker, Margy Walkington, provided beautiful original art work for the program cover of "I Come to the Garden". Marla Taylor provided great help with printing the programs.

It has been a blessing and a privilege to serve another year as part of the music ministry at St. Mark's Church.

In Christ,



Carol Latimer

ANNUAL REPORT 2010
Spiritual Director for Discipleship

During this past year, I have provided pastoral care and hospital chaplaincy (at least once a week) and been involved in the prayer ministry. I have no set number of days or hours to be spent in the office. I continue under the direct supervision of the Rector and meet with him every week. I attend weekly staff meetings. Other meetings and duties can be assigned as needed by the Rector or can be requested by other staff, the Vestry, and the congregation. I am currently hosting a *Lunch and Conversation: What Other Faiths Believe* on Thursdays at Noon in the Parlor. I hope to run more of these on a variety of topics in the future.

I am available for spiritual direction by anyone and we will meet at a mutually convenient time for as long as the other person wishes. There is not single set process of spiritual direction. It is a concept that has been part of the Anglican tradition for centuries but may have become invisible in recent times. The spiritual direction relationship is tailored to the individual or group requesting spiritual direction. Usually this will involve face-to-face meetings but can take other forms when necessary. The duration of the relationship and the meeting location will be mutually agreed upon. The meetings are confidential. My primary responsibility is to be a Spiritual Director for Discipleship to all who request spiritual direction. For further information about Spiritual Direction, I will send materials monthly to the St. Mark's website on the Spiritual Director's page and will have material monthly on the e-publication *The St. Marker*.

Give me a call if you would like to start spiritual direction or get more information on it (630-404-1261). A spiritual director will meet with you as often or as little as you want and need. I have met with some people this year and have provided resource materials to others. On May 2, 2010, Bishop John Guernsey (Diocese of the Holy Spirit, Anglican Church in North America) ordained me a Priest in the Anglican Church in North America at Resurrection Anglican Church in West Chicago where I serve as an Assistant Pastor.

Thomas Merton said, "Spiritual direction is, in reality, nothing more than a way of leading us to see and obey the real Director — the Holy Spirit hidden in the depths of our soul." The spiritual director walks with another as they both walk with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's love,
Chuck Ellenbaum ><>+
Spiritual Director for Discipleship

Missions Commission Report – 2010

This year we continued pursuing our vision to see St. Markers in joyful obedience to God's plan for all peoples in all places. In practice our vision means:

Seeing St. Mark's as a place where members are regularly taught, challenged, encouraged, and enabled to gratefully respond to God's Great Commission.

Where there is willing participation in giving, sending, praying, going and partnering in strategic opportunities.

Where we are committed to make disciples and build God's church in places where Christ is not known and the church is not near.

In 2010 the following steps were taken to help translate our vision into reality.

On the weekend of February 13-14 was the annual Missions Festival with featured speaker, Dr. Charlie Davis of TEAM. Activities included an international dinner on Saturday evening with over 55 participants. Our missionaries from Chile, Russ and Heidi Smith, shared that evening as well as in Sunday School and the Sunday morning services.

On April 13 we said farewell to Chee-Chiew as she completed her doctoral program at Wheaton Grad School and returned to Singapore where she serves on the faculty of Singapore Bible College.

We sent a short-term team of three (Claudia Nalven, Lidia Vakili, Paul Egeland) to Madagascar in June to work with the McGregor's and also as part of Freedom 2010 contributed \$15,000 towards a church planting project there.

Doug and Elaine Culver joined us for the weekend of June 26 -27 and gave a report on their ministry in China

We held a Lunch and Learn on September 19 featuring 6 Ways to Reach God's World.

Betsy Hake from Honduras joined us for the weekend of October 23-24. Headed by Gail Mellish, a dinner honoring her years of service was held Saturday evening, and Betsy spoke in the Sunday services.

In December the Missions Commission prayerfully reviewed our support commitments for 2011 and with an approved budget of \$60,000 by Vestry for 2011 we agreed on the following allocations:

Culver's in China with Anglican Frontier Mission- \$5500
Betsy Hake in Honduras with Jericho Ministries - \$5600
Bacon's in Australia with Christianityworks - \$5500
Gerardo Martinez in Honduras - \$5200
SAMS office - \$3500
McGregor's in Madagascar with SAMS - \$8000
Smith's in Chile with SAMS - \$10,000
Bowden's in Czech Republic with TEAM - \$7000
Ruches in the Philippines with Wycliffe Bible Translators - \$5500
Short-term mission trips - \$1500
Missionary special needs - \$2000
Administration and events - \$700

Currently serving on the Missions Commission are: Mark Amstutz, Dan and Lindie Bacon, Jan Burrell, Laura Byars, Paul Egeland, Paul Krause, Pegi Malnik, Linda Palmer, Karen Sizer, Lidia Vakili, Pat Wright and Mike Zimmer. We look forward now to hearing Dr. John McDonald at our Missions Celebration weekend on Jan. 29-30, 2011 with the theme of "*Missions: God's heart for the Nations*".

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bacon

Matthew 25 Ministries 2010 Annual Report

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” This simple command is the premise for Matthew 25 Ministries. Each month in 2010, St. Markers had the opportunity to carry out this command for Christ. This was accomplished through service and financial support to those less fortunate in the Fox Valley and Chicago area.

Throughout 2010, St. Markers volunteered to serve at the Trinity Soup Kitchen and Hesed House in Aurora, and Lazarus House in St. Charles, by providing meals and assistance on a bi-monthly and monthly basis. Each month, the approximately 5 members of the Knitting Ministry met and knit prayer shawls. Approximately 9 shawls were completed and given to those going through a difficult time in their lives. Shawls were provided for those within the St. Mark’s Church community and in the community as a whole. These wonderful knitters welcome new members at any time. Please contact Nancy Mead for more information.

Collecting food and other needed items for The Salvation Army became a bigger focus in our church over the past year. Each month, on the last Sunday, specific items were targeted for the parishioners to provide. Instead of gathering all sorts of items, a category of products (such as beans, fruits and vegetables, toiletries, etc) was chosen each month. The number of donations has increased significantly over the past year as we support our local Salvation Army. Look for signs posted toward the end of each month.

The Christmas season is a busy time for the Matthew 25 ministries. This year, those activities included: The Prison Fellowship’s Angel Tree Program, Cathedral Shelter Christmas Basket Program, Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army and providing 130 gift bags for the Trinity Soup Kitchen Christmas Party. St. Markers provided two gifts for 36 children (a clothing item and a fun gift) from 18 families of prisoners in the Fox Valley area. Seventy-two gifts were purchased by 62 different St. Markers. The Rappin’ Senior High Group provided all the necessary and enthusiastic gift wrapping for the purchased items. We participated in providing Christmas Baskets for a total of 45 “family units”, including 27 single parent homes (with 49 adults and 80 children), 10 senior citizens, and 8 families with children being raised by grandmothers. Each “basket” contains food items, gifts, toiletries as well as other needed items for the families. The Bell Ringers came out in force once again this year, ringing the bells at the Geneva Ace Hardware.

On an ongoing basis, we continue to support the Crisis Pregnancy Center. These items can be placed in the entrance to the narthex. St. Mark’s also prepared two Welcome to America Packs for two families. One family is again, from Iraq and settled into the Bloomingdale area. We are still waiting to receive information for the second family we will support. Items for the Salvation Army, the Crisis Pregnancy Center and Exodus World Service can also be placed in the bins in the entrance of the narthex as well.

In addition to all of the above, financial support is provided to the following ministries: Young Life, Salvation Army, Lazarus House, Hesed House, Trinity Soup Kitchen, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Riverwoods Christian Center, Cathedral Shelter, and Exodus World Service.

A special thanks to Deacon Steve and Lela Lowe, Mary Peterson, Mike Zimmer, Jill Zimmer, Krissy Hunecke, Emily Meints-Mosciano, Amanda David, Mary Bernard, Andree Pospisol, Nancy Mead, Anita Hazel, Gail Mellish and Michelle LaMirand for their leadership in overseeing the Matthew 25 ministries. Thank you also to all the St. Markers who volunteered time, talent, and financial support to these ministries. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a Matthew 25 ministry. The opportunity to carry out this command for Christ will be a blessing to you and to those you serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Regnier

Men's Ministry

It has been an interesting but fruitful re-launch of Saint Mark's Men's Ministry this past year. I wanted to take a moment to outline some of the things we have done and the growth that we have seen in the men of the Church this year. The strategy for this ministry has been to reach out to the masses and touch not just the 'usual suspects' but develop relationships with as many men of the church as we reasonably could. Over time the objective is not only to build interpersonal relationships among the men, but ultimately provide a framework to provide a better relationship with Christ.

I am happy to say that we have had some very successful events this past year; here is a summary of those events:

40 Good Men Work Day: This was the kickoff event for Men's Ministry in 2010 and was an overall scrub down and clean-up effort at the campus of the church. We had 60 guys attend on a Saturday morning and literally scrub down the church facilities from top to bottom. Kicked off with a prayer, broke up into work groups and rolled up our sleeves for some good old fashion hard work. The guys got to know one another a little better and provided a great opportunity to prep the facilities prior to Holy Week.

Saint Mark's Men's Golf: We ran the golf event in July as an opportunity to get the guys together during the summer for some fellowship. We had a great turn out and some awesome feedback for continuing this event. We may even potentially expand the scope into a family oriented cookout for 2011, raising some funds for a local ministry or the mission work we do at Saint Marks.

Breakfast and Message: With the cooking of Al Martin and the message provided by Steve Lowe, we had a breakfast and men's oriented bible lesson around the concept of encouragement. We broke off into a small group discussion, digging into topics that we all face in work, life and family that either keep us on God's path or challenge us from staying on His path in our everyday lives. This was a great opportunity to get to know some of the other guys as well as introduce some liturgical study.

Alpha kickoff – Men who Cook: The Alpha Celebration was a success this year. With the combination of attendance of the youth groups and the outreach that Claudia had, we pulled in 80+ people for the Alpha event. The Men of the church provided dishes for sampling. Claudia provided a session on the introduction of Alpha and the relevance of God and His message. It was an encouraging night to see how the same message worked through the various generations that attend Saint Marks and how the same message will work on people in different ways regardless of where they are in their walk in life.

Men's Ministry Football: In early January we rounded out the church year with another event for the guys to participate in - the Men's Ministry Football day. We find that we see the same people each and every week and simply smile and say hello either entering or exiting church. This event provided a comfortable atmosphere for the guys to just be guys, sit back, watch football, eat too much and get to know one another a little better.

The main take away from this year was the beauty of the relationships the men of the church have with one another. These relationships are deep and hopefully this ministry has allowed for more of those relationships to be built or simply got them to be stronger. Some relationships have been in place for many years and some are quite new. I have had the joy to witness these relationships and see how very real and cross generational they are. They all have a common thread of Jesus Christ and the work that He has done here on Earth and ultimately the desire of the men of this church to try and continue that message.

As we look to 2011, we plan to build upon the success of Men's Ministry in 2010. We fully intend on keeping the same level of fellowship we have had, but begin to offer some more liturgical events and material to provide opportunities for people of all walks and faith maturity levels to get to better understand His message.

This Ministry has been a blessing and we look forward to the new opportunities and challenges it will bring in 2011.

In His Name
John David

Altar Guild Report 2010

The St. Mark's Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the church for worship services, including weddings, funerals, and baptisms. The care and cleaning of the linens, candles, vestments, silver, and brass of the church are all tasks carried out by the members of the guild. Nineteen women presently serve on the altar guild. Several of these women have served St. Mark's in this capacity for many years.

We have continued to purchase oil candles for both the Parish Church and the Chapel.

Respectfully,

Ann Evans
Ginny Spring

The Property Commission – Annual 2010 Report

Property Commission Members: Terry Taylor (Sexton), John Temple (Facility Coordinator), Bob Archibald (Vestry Representative), John Bernard, Mike Kelly, and Bill Spring.

When do we meet: First Monday of every month from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome.

Purpose of the Property Commission:

Property maintenance, including but not limited to, physical facility, mechanical and equipment maintenance, electrical, HVAC, cosmetic appearance, plumbing, doors, locks and keys, cleaning service, and all aspects of the grounds and landscape. Scope includes the Church, Chapel, Rectory and Parking Lot.

Security and safety, including lockup procedures, fire alarms and equipment, grounds surveillance, mechanical or electrical equipment that could cause injury, city codes for public facilities, evacuation procedures in case of emergency, weather related maintenance (snow removal), and 360-degree community impact.

Schedule projects and secure bids from contractors or vendors, including the specifications of the work to be done, scope of the project and timeline for completion. The commission, when appropriate, implements the process of bidding contractors that specify time and materials, not to exceed amount. The Sexton, as needed, coordinates all internal projects from staff members.

Monitor the use of all facilities and uses by staff, congregation and outside community services, including weddings, AA meetings, etc., which require access to the building and property. Normal wear and tear is evaluated and the appropriate maintenance requisitioned. The Sexton normally completes this maintenance.

The above covers the majority of the responsibilities of the Property Commission, but daily requests occur that cannot be listed easily. Some of the specific tasks completed during 2010 included the following:

Rectory projects completed included the replacement of the washer and dryer with Claudia's personal units, several gutter downspouts, and the power washing of the exterior by a group led by Steve Friedle. The Geneva Historical Commission turned down our proposal to replace the Rectory windows.

Eight security teams performed invaluable service to the parish by completing nightly inspections of the campus, insuring properly set thermostats, lights turned off, doors locked, and reporting maintenance issues.

The Narthex 10 ton air conditioning unit was replaced at a cost \$5,875.

A new Chapel and office area air conditioning unit, purchased in 2009, was installed.

The water fountain near the Narthex restrooms was replaced. The water fountain in the undercroft was repaired.

Under the superb leadership of Ron Walkington, an expansion of the Columbarium was completed. A total of 72 niches were added and will be ultimately self-funded by their sale.

The Garden Guild, now numbering 10 dedicated members, and under the leadership of Mike Kelly, continued to upgrade and maintain the Church grounds. The guild, in conjunction with the Prodigal Café sponsored a music interlude between Sunday services in the amphitheater.

Three torn kneeler pads were replaced as well as several rubber footpads.

In the spring, 40 Good Men (really about 50) completed a long list of cleanup projects while a group of ladies cleaned and organized the kitchen.

The kitchen freezer and dish machine were replaced.

Our Sexton, Terry Taylor, completed day-to-day maintenance tasks.

We ask everyone to take ownership in the ongoing daily cleanliness and security of the facility. Simple things would provide much relief; such as, always leaving the area you are using cleaner than you found it, picking up after oneself, putting garbage in the dumpster instead of letting it pile up until the cleaning service arrives, not propping open doors, **returning the thermostat to the proper seasonal setting, and turning out lights in rooms as you leave.** Also, diligently cleaning up the kitchen after you use it, washing the dishes, wiping up counters and spills, and not leaving leftover food thinking someone will know if it is OK to eat or not. All these listed and more need to be considered in respect for each other and in reverence to God's house.

Humble servants of the Lord,

The Property Commission

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St. Mark's Clergy - 2010

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Tusken, Rector

Rev. Claudia Nalven, Assistant Rector

Rev. David Baughman, Deacon

Rev. Steve Lowe, Deacon

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Patricia Mangis, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Latimer, Director of Instrumental Music

Terry Taylor, Sexton

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