

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

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**2009 Annual Report
January 17, 2010**

**AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
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1. Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Nadine Gordon
3. Appointment of Scrutineer: Jim Heath
4. Tellers: Thelma Heather, Carolyn Ellis, David Henderson
5. Appointment of Clerk Pro-tem: Jean Heath
6. Vestry Election
 - A. Nominating Committee's Report of Candidates for Vestry:
Sam Giancarlo, Marry Morrison, Tammy Page, Jim Ryan, Clarence Starkie, Valerie Stockton, Roger Wines
 - B. Nominations from the floor
7. Qualifications to vote: Anyone must be at least 18 years of age, Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, and be a person of good standing, i.e. regular in attendance and financially supporting of the parish in the last year.
8. Voting: Scrutineer will instruct.
9. Rector's Appointments:
 - Senior Warden
 - President of the Daughters of the King - Helen Paulsen
 - Directress of the Altar Guild - Joan Medrano
 - Director of the Choir: Interim position to be filled
 - Coordinator of Lay Readers - Lana Beyer
 - Thrift Shop Coordinator - Reba and Granville Ott, Helen and Mike Paulsen
 - Children and Youth Christian Education (Sunday School) Director - Mary Morrison
 - Adult Christian Education - Mary Jo Hernandez & Susan Ledenham
 - Any other appointments deemed necessary by Rector*
10. Announcements of delegates and alternate delegates to Council of the Diocese of Texas, elected at the Semi-Annual Parish meeting:
 - Delegates** – Andy Lyon, Linda Bryant, Betty Stinson, and Larry Clifton
 - Alternates** – Brian McElligott, Nadine Gordon, and Mary Morrison
11. Interim Director of Music Report (5 minutes)
12. Christian Education (Adult and Children & Youth)
13. Junior Warden's Report (5 minutes)
14. Senior Warden's Report (5 minutes)
15. Treasurer's Report – 2008 Fiscal Report (10 minutes)
16. Stewardship Report – Looking forward (10 minutes)
17. Rector's Report (10 minutes)
16. Benediction & Adjournment: Fr. Jim
 - Post Annual Meeting**
 - Called Meeting of new Vestry to:
 - Elect the new Junior Warden (Larry Clifton was Elected)
 - Elect the Vestry Clerk
 - Elect the Treasurer
 - Transact other business that may properly be brought before the Vestry

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 25, 2009

Fr. Jim Stockton called the meeting to order, gave the blessing and the lunch was served by the ECWoR as their annual fundraiser. The appointments for Parliamentarian (Bob Edgecomb), Scrutineer (Jim Heath), and Clerk Pro-tem (Jean Heath) were announced; 2008 Annual Reports were made available and nominees for 2009 Vestry election were introduced: Lana Beyer, Larry Clifton, Andy Lyon, Brian McElligott, Clarence Starkie, Betty Stinson, and Roger Wines. Four three-year terms are to be filled. Nominations from the floor were asked for and there being none, nominations closed. The Scrutineer reiterated the qualifications necessary to run for Vestry and issued instructions for voting. Tellers: Joe Page, Thelma Heather and David Henderson.

Rector's appointments as announced: President of the Daughters of the King, Helen Paulsen; Directress of the Altar Guild, Joan Madrano; Director of the Choir, Mike Stout; Coordinator of Lay Readers, Lana Beyer; Thrift Shop Coordinators, Helen and Mike Paulsen and Reba and Granville Ott; Sunday School Directors, Mary Morrison (Children), Susan Ledenham and Mary Jo Hernandez (Adult); and Sandy Sterzing, President of the Episcopal Church Women of Resurrection.

The delegates (Andy Lyon, Jennifer Williams, Larry Clifton and Brian McElligott) and the alternate delegates (Linda Bryant, Nadine Gordon, Lana Beyer and Gerald Cantor) to the Council of the Diocese of Texas were recognized. The Council will be in February.

Director of Music Report: Mike Stout highlighted new choir members this year: Jennifer Williams, Andy Lyon, Elaine Henderson and Emily Stockton. Fr. Jim gave tribute to Mike for his thirty-year service as Director of Music for Resurrection. Mike was presented with volumes of spiral-bound music and a decorated cake in his honor.

Junior Warden Report: Mike Paulsen covered in detail the many accomplishments of the past year in his report found in the 2008 Annual Report but highlights of the year mentioned included the installation of the stained glass windows in the Narthex/Chapel wall plus the beveled glass windows in the double doors leading to the Nave (all dedicated today); new home completed for the Sexton, new air conditioners for the parish hall, and the lighting project throughout the campus which will lead to yearly operational savings.

Chris Summer narrated and presented by slides a short version of Stewardship 101.

Paddy Langford, Senior Warden, expressed his thanks to the vestry members and in particular, Mike Paulsen, for the successful year of cooperation and achievement. The retiring vestry members (Carolyn Ellis, Ken de Silva, Mike Paulsen and Mary Jo Hernandez) were asked to come forward and gifts were presented to them and a special gift of a tool kit was given to Mike.

Sunday School Reports: Mary Morrison, Susan Ledenham and Mary Jo Hernandez spoke on the quality of the instruction being given and urged greater participation. Reference was made to their reports in the 2008 Annual Report.

Motion was made by Bob Edgecomb and seconded by David Prather to accept the

September 28, 2008 Minutes as written in the Annual Report. The motion carried.

The election results were announced on second ballot and the four new Vestry members are Betty Stinson, Andy Lyon, Larry Clifton and Brian McElligott.

Sandy Sterzing expressed thanks from the ECWoR for the support given to today's luncheon fundraiser.

Linda Bryant, Treasurer, went through the details in the financial reports incorporated in the Annual Report. A special mention was made in regard to a bequest from the Early Estate which provided much budget relief at a time in need.

Fr. Jim Stockton covered his Rector's Report as printed in the Annual Report, emphasizing his appreciation to those important ministry leaders, staff, and the congregation in general. Note was made of Rick Carpenter's 20-years service as our Sexton and the extreme importance of our Parish Administrator, Evelyn Griffin. Several weddings were officiated during the year and farewell was said to members of our parish family who passed away in 2008: Eve Lepore, Ken Williams, Ian de Silva, and Patti Crain. Gifts were presented by Fr. Jim to the Senior Warden and Junior Warden. He announced Chris Summers will be the new Senior Warden; Shelly Page will continue as Vestry Clerk and the nomination of Sandy Sterzing was recommended to the vestry for their vote on the new Junior Warden.

At the close of the meeting, Kathy Baker asked for a moment to present two issues: (1) that special consideration be given to the sexton's old residence before it is demolished as it represents many uses throughout the years since Resurrection was formed, mainly it was the first church building. (2) a tribute to Paddy Langford for his years growing up in the church, and his forthcoming marriage March 31st which will entail his moving to Houston.

Benediction was given and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Heath, Clerk Pro-tem

MID-YEAR PARISH MEETING
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
September 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jim Stockton with a blessing of the food brought by all and served by the Episcopal Church Women of Resurrection (ECWoR).

- Appointments of Jim Heath, Scrutineer and Mike Paulsen as Parliamentarian.
- Instructions for voting for delegates to the Diocesan Council were given. Nominations from the floor were asked, none received, and ballots were distributed.
- Mary Morrison, Leader of Children's Christian Education, gave a report and distributed certificates to those who attended the required sessions of instruction for working with children.
- Emily Stockton introduced and Chris Summers presented a slide show of the EYC trip "God's Teens – 2009" to help the hurricane survivors on the Coast. The youth then each spoke of their experiences.
- Election results were announced: Category I – Andy Lyon and Linda Bryant, Delegates with Brian McElligott, Alternate. Category II – Betty Stinson and Larry Clifton, Delegates with Nadine Gordon and Mary Morrison, Alternates.
- Report by Junior Warden, Sandy Sterzing, covered recent break-ins, security measures and plans for parking lot.
- Treasurer, Linda Bryant, ill and no report. Check Radiant Cross for information.
- Senior Warden, Chris Summers, read his recent article in the Radiant Cross as his Report.
- Thanks were given to the ECWoR for their work and service for the dinner.
- Rector's Report: The Church lost two important people recently, Tommy Stinson and Mike Stout. Recognition was given to the Vestry. Connie Blake thanked for her music assistance during a stressful time and the current interim music director, Sara Burden-McClure, was introduced. Marie Butterbaugh and Susan Burnham were recognized as our Seminarians.
- ECR Web Site is available and excellent. The Planning Committee is working well, outreach is being conducted and the Ministry Leaders are working hard. Positions of Senior Warden, Jr., Junior Warden, Treasurer, etc. are continuing as currently filled.
- Approval of the minutes for the Annual Meeting, January 25, 2009, was given by acclamation.
- Thanks given to tellers, Joe Page, Thelma Heather and David Henderson.
- Meeting adjourned with benediction at 2:25 p.m.

Rector's Annual Report for 2009
The Rev. James V. Stockton
Annual Meeting January 17, 2010

Our community rediscovered our strength last year. ECR was blessed last year with the gift of stability in a larger social context of uncertainty while this community continued to look forward to our future. We enjoyed this blessed combination gifts, and we shared these with the wider community and world around us. Here at ECR, as the saying has it, 'life goes on.'

'In the sure and certain hope of the eternity of life, we bid loving farewell last year to James Baker, Evelyn Welborn, Tommy Stinson, Mike Stout, Thanasa Crane and Jim Webb. Each of these saints brought his or her gifts to the community of ECR over our collective history. Each will be appreciated into the future here. We grow from the nurture to our worship of God and fellowship in Christ that each entrusts to us all. We who were blessed to work with Tommy and with Mike over the many years of service that each provided will sense, I think, that their passing marks a particular era in our history. It will, of course, require more time for us to appreciate fully the impact that their lives had, and that their deaths in startlingly quick succession last year, had on our community. I invite you to browse by the video memorial that has been set up in the southeast corner of the hall today.

Life continued here last year also in our welcoming to the fellowship of Christ's body through the sacrament of Holy Baptism Jackson Austin, grandson of Dick Christ, Audrey Kraig, daughter of David and Carrel Kraig; and Braylon Jones, grandson of Charles and Holly Davis. We also helped God in the blessing of Paddy and Debbie Langford in the bonds of Holy Matrimony. And all of these are just some of the many outward signs of the inward and spiritual life of our community, and for these we give God thanks.

I want to recognize at this time the vital ministry of the Vestry over the last year. This group of saints served God and his community with grace, imagination, and inspiration. They supported one another and the congregation in tending God's call to us and God's blessings upon us through the year. The Vestry met many unexpected challenges through the year. Burglaries and vandalism last September loomed large among these. Yet, they remained attentive and committed to leading this community through tough times into better ones. We owe the Vestry our profound gratitude. Thank you, Vestry.

Having served wonderfully and well, four of last year's Vestry have completed their term and now move on to other ministries. Linda Bryant, Clarence Starkie, Sandy Sterzing, and Chris Summers, thank you all. Clarence stepped in to finish the term begun by Paddy Langford when Paddy's relocation to Houston prevented him from finishing. We thank you, too, Paddy for your service last year.

I want to thank especially my Senior Warden last year, Chris Summers. Chris served my ministry and me with vision, enthusiasm and faithfulness to God and to this community. He inspired me when I was discouraged. He inspired me when I was discouraged. He affirmed my reveling in the blessing of his community. It was my privilege to observe Chris's ministry with the Vestry last year as he led by serving and served by leading. Chris's ministry blessed me and blessed this community. Thank you, Chris.

I am happy to announce that my Senior Warden for 2010 will be Nadine Gordon. Nadine and I have worked together in previous years, and I know that her ministry this year will bless both ECR and me.

Sandy Sterzing was the Vestry's Junior Warden last year, and she deserves our thanks. Sandy led the effort to recover as quickly and effectively as possible from break-ins at the Church Office and the Church Building. These occurred in quick succession but almost as quickly Sandy made sure the facilities were secured and got an alarm system installed to help ensure that we need not worry about a worse occurrence in the future. For these repairs and the others you helped bring about last year, thank you, Sandy.

I want to thank those persons who offered themselves as nominees for election to the Vestry this year. It is a ministry in itself to be a nominee, and all of us are grateful to you, I'm sure. I look forward to working and praying with the new Vestry this year.

Along with the blessing of working with the Vestry, it has been my pleasure again last year to work with the many fine Ministry Leaders of ECR. Our community has many ministries, some with a comparatively larger footprint, some with a comparatively smaller one. Each serves the Good News of God's Love in Jesus Christ by embodying God's Love here in this community and by encouraging faith among us all. Our leaders of ministry are many in number, so I invite you to go to ECR's web site and, under the Ministries menu, open the Ministry Leaders link. You will find there a list of our many ministry leaders. You also find the ministries that they serve so you can better determine some to which you may want to add your efforts. Our Ministry Leaders guide and support the many people serving in our ministries. Ministry Leaders of ECR, thank you. And you who serve, thank you all.

This year the Vestry and Ministry Leaders attended their annual retreat and did good hard work and entered into some good serious prayer on behalf of ECR. The culmination of a rich weekend was the group's discernment of a new Mission Statement for ECR that represents this community well in our unique way of being who we are and doing what we do. 'ECR is an open Christian community, putting God's love into action, welcoming you as you are, on a journey of worship and service.' It is quite literally an inspired bit of work. I think all of us who were present will recall the sense that the Holy Spirit itself was moving among us in efforts. It was a fine example of ECR's two-fold appreciation for the blessing of stability in who we have always been and for the blessing of vision to pursue the future that God is creating for us to inhabit.

Thanks go also to our Parish Administrator Evelyn Griffin. Evelyn served last year as she does every year, with grace and dedication. In ways known and unknown, all of us rely on Evelyn carrying out her responsibilities, and she does so reliably and faithfully. Most often any mistakes in printed matter originate with me, so I may have to add to her duties and ask Evelyn to become my proof-reader. Even with all that she accomplishes, Evelyn also provides a kind ear and welcoming smile to visitors at the Church Office and also parish members who happen by. Thank you, Evelyn for all you do.

Our Sexton likewise accomplishes much that goes unseen. This is because much of what he does is simply to keep things going around here without interruption. When the lights light up

when we expect them to, when to faucets turn on and do not leak, and when something gets painted or a new handrail appears, this is our sexton working when few if any are present to appreciate it. Thank you Rick for all you do.

Last year saw the remodel of the Nursery and Toddlers' Room. This is another example of our community's building on the past and present to move forward into the future. The new arrangement came about with just a bit of difficulty, but it has already proven the right thing to do. Since the change last year ECR has experienced a marked increase in the number parents confident in leaving their infants and children in the care of our nursery. I want to acknowledge here our two trained and certified nursery care-givers, Ashlee Rogers and Valerie Stockton. These two, with a growing list of volunteers, also trained and certified, are doing a great job for the children and their families. Thank you, ladies.

Late last year, I had the sad responsibility for hiring an interim Director of Music. I needed to ensure that our community would continue to offer song and music as part of our worship of God. I also believed it was very important to support the community of our choir, to make sure that they knew that we all value greatly their ministry. I also wanted to demonstrate my confidence in their gifts and in their ability to continue to offer them in the face of our great loss. In response to my efforts and prayers, God blessed us with the ministry of our interim Director of Music, Sara Burden-McClure. Sara is the founder and director of Austin Girls' Choir and an accomplished organist, as well. Over the last four months of last year, she provided our community with wonderful and inspiring music. She has provided the choir with a direction that has been both gentle and firm, which has helped the choir to experience some significant healing. Happily, Sara has decided to seek the position of Director of Music here at ECR as a permanent job. Sara joins two other applicants interested in the position. We have experienced the try-out of one of these persons, and will meet another applicant next Sunday. I will make this decision on the hire by the end of this month and will inform each of the applicants and ECR. In the meantime, I am most certainly thankful to Sara for what she has brought to our community.

I also want to note that last year was the year that we dedicated the new stained-glass windows in the chapel and the etched glass windows in the doors entering the nave. Their beauty is a terrific addition to the narthex, the chapel, and the nave. Yet, we almost though not quite, find ourselves, I think, accustomed to them by now. Their presence is new, while they also continue the esthetic that ECR has had for many years. These windows are a kind of material expression of the way that ECR last year provided a blessed haven of stability, while also inspiring ourselves and, I pray, those around us, to anticipate a new and blessed future.

I want to thank, then, the group that has focused on exactly this, the Congregational Planning Process Committee. The Planning Committee is that group commissioned by the Vestry with addressing the nitty gritty of ECR's campus make-over as means for ECR to move forward into the future that God has planned for us. The Vestries and Ministry Leaders of ECR over the last several years, last year included, have understood the urgent need for ECR to increase our parking capacity. As I hope most of us recall, ECR currently has parking for exactly one half the number of people that our nave can accommodate. The original plans for the Church Building called for the number of parking spaces that would fit the seating in the nave, but that plan was modified, with the result that have today. In addition the Planning Committee has been paying very close attention to what they are hearing from our Ministry Leaders about their

needs, aspirations, and inspirations regarding ECR's ministries. I appreciate the Planning Committee; their efforts last year were tireless. I anticipate the Committee bringing to the congregation soon some of the great fruits of their labor. Thank you, members of the Planning Committee.

Last year blessed us with the return of our now Senior Seminarian, now the Rev. Marie Butterbaugh. Marie completed her middler year of Field Education here in the spring, then returned in the fall for her senior and final year. Last month, you may recall, Marie was ordained a deacon in the Church, and will soon be serving a congregation in her home diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Marie has been back home for a few weeks and expects to back with us again next Sunday.

We were blessed also with the ministry last year of our new middler seminarian Susan Burnham. Though Susan has decided, and wisely so, to take a break from the Field Education component of her education, she continues to be with us enjoying the beatitudes of being a part of this community.

Last year offered us many blessings and some significant challenges. I am proud of the community of ECR, proud to represent you in the wider community as your priest, blessed to serve you as your rector. Our gift of welcoming people here to experience God's Love for them, and to be invited to help us to share with the world around us God's Love for all, is powerfully unique to us. I do not claim that other church community's fail to share God's Love. However, I do claim with conviction that it is our gift to share God's Love as no other church community is able. Last year this meant discovering that we could do this by offering to one another and to those around us a combination of blessed stability, reflective of the eternity of God's Love and God's faithfulness to God's people; along with an inspiring vision and description of the future to which God is calling us, a future that God is preparing for us, a future fit for this amazing community of ECR. Thank you to each of you for your prayers, your presence, for your support of and participation in the ministries and witness of this community. God bless us here at ECR.

The Rev. James V. Stockton - January 2010

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

(Not submitted)



JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT, 2009

Fellow parishioners, I hope you all had a joyous Christmas Season and hold expectations for a wonderful 2010! It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone so very quickly. I am still looking at my "to do" list and I haven't finished all my projects! What to do??? What to do???

When Father Jim asked me if I would consider accepting the position of Junior Warden, I told him I would do whatever he needed me to do. As for actually understanding the position, I must admit I was a bit clueless. This being said, it didn't take long to figure out that even though I lacked experience I would have intense on the job training and the expertise of our Sexton Rick Carpenter to help me find my way.

Most of you who know me would probably not consider me to be a quiet, retiring type of person, afraid of asking questions. You would be right!! If I don't know how to do something I'm not afraid to ask. Just because I'm well past the age of thirty, doesn't mean there's nothing left to learn!! Over thirty years as a realtor and lifelong restaurant operator has taught me that you can't do it alone.

Knowing this and having so many people here at ECR who were and are willing to help and teach is what made this journey so fulfilling for me. It has not been a year without challenges for sure. Trying so very hard to beautify our already beautiful campus, feeling safe and secure on "our ground", to then suddenly have that security disrupted by acts of vandalism and theft. How painful it was for all of us to see those shards of broken glass, doors ripped and shredded. I know we all cried in our own way—if not visibly, then internally. It is hard to understand "why" someone would desecrate what we have worked so hard to maintain for the Glory and work of our Lord. Because of our faith however, we forged ahead and continued the work we have been given to do. We repaired, refurbished and replenished and became wiser than we were before.

So, now as I end my tenure as your Junior Warden, I can say that I have also repaired, refurbished and replenished to the best of my ability. Most importantly I have become wiser in the knowledge of how very fortunate I am to be accepted and loved by such a wonderful church family. The doors of our Church open wide, but not nearly as wide as the arms and hearts of the people inside. I thank God for you and I thank you for trusting me for just a short time with this wonderful place that we call our Church Home. May God richly Bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Sterzing, Junior Warden

Here is a compilation of tasks completed and reported to the Parish by the Junior Warden during the year of 2009

1. Completed painting of old toddler room with the addition of new carpet.
2. Cabinet in hospitality area repainted and moved to classroom 3.
3. Established nursery in classroom 2 with donated cribs, change table.
4. Refinished pews and Usher's table in Narthex.
5. New exterminator hired to spot treat termites and do a quarterly treatment of the entire campus.

6. Key project completed by Mike and Rick.
7. Exterior door to the Rector's office replaced.
8. Caulking on exterior of Parish Hall storage area completed.
9. Gutters removed around Thrift Shop by Sexton.
10. Replaced broken stained glass on Youth Bldg. Outside lights.
11. New light fixture donated and installed at Parish Hall entrance.
12. Chain link area behind office cleaned and trash removed.
13. Central A/C of Sexton's home repaired by coil cleaning and adding freon.
14. Trim board at roof line of Church repaired and painted.
15. Old a/c units in Sexton house removed and given to Thrift Shop.
16. Fence in front of old house removed.
17. Playground equipment removed as well as chain link fence around it.
18. Addition of roof over Sexton's porch done by Eagle Scout.
19. Electrical meter removed and cables disconnected from old house.
20. Thumb screw locks and wooden dowels added to windows in the church
21. Cover for organ (exterior) caulked and flashing added to keep it dry.
22. Both old units at the front of church repaired and ducts wrapped.
23. Sexton added boards at base of stain glass windows to eliminate leaking
24. Carpet in Nave, altar area and Narthex cleaned & repaired.
25. All trees trimmed and beds weeded during spring clean up.
26. Drains cleared in parking lot during spring clean up.
27. Sign at Justin/Burnet Ln. repaired-new glass and board/lt.replaced.
28. Gas line to Sexton's house replaced & water line moved.
29. Old gas line & water line removed from Old House.
30. OLD SEXTON'S HOUSE REMOVED!!!
31. New A/C unit installed on north side of Church.
32. New roof on Sexton's home. And repair of storage shed roof.
33. New security alarm system added to all buildings on campus except
Sexton's home.
34. Façade placed across big windows in the office.
35. Metal netting placed on Rector's office and back doors.
36. New lighting added to brighten area in front & behind office.
37. Pew in Parish hall and doors restained and polyed.
38. Curtains hung in Canadian Chapel to cover organ area & hide storage.
39. New coded locks on front door of church & youth bldg. Added.
40. Coolant added to youth building a/c. Condenser on hold for summer.
41. The two large stained glass windows re-caulked to prevent leaks.
42. Banisters added to choir area.
43. Plastic strips added to choir area to define steps more easily.
44. Electrical door in north hall of church replaced and stained.
45. Complete carpet cleaning of the church & some of office. (Semi-Ann.)
46. Tear in laminate on pew in church repaired.
47. Shelving added to hospitality area.

Many other small things were accomplished this year, but are too numerous to mention. Thanks be to God for Rick Carpenter and his diligence in helping to maintain our beautiful Campus. Thanks also to each of you for your Contributions monetarily and physically for the purpose of continuing our work in the service to God!

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Sterzing, Junior Warden 2009



ACOLYTES REPORT

Not much to report but in February, Paddy Langford resigned as director and Clarence Starkie took over the position with Shelly Page as the assistant director. As of present day, we currently have a total of 13 acolytes: 2 adult, 4 senior, 5 junior, and 2 intermediate. The acolytes are Clarence Starkie, Doug Foxworth, Emily Stockton, Molly Lyon, Kelly Ellis, Brandon Kirkham, Katie Rogers, Morgan Davis, Melanie Stockton, Hanna Searcy, Griffin Prather, Tyler Page and Blake Kirkham.

Our acolytes serve at the 8:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday mornings. Also, they serve at special services such as weddings and Christmas. Twice a year, Youth Sundays, the acolytes are relieved from their services. The youth leaders take over the service of acolytes.

Clarence and Shelly are planning in the near future to have a acolyte recognition ceremony. All of our acolytes will be recognized and most will be moved up.

We are need of acolytes being between the ages of 8 years to 100 years. If you are interested in being a part of the ministry, please contact Clarence Starkie, Father Jim or Shelly Page.

Thank you.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - 2009

Here's a brief recap of our year: written in hopes that you will remember, with thanksgiving, a few of the classes, insights and new friendships made as we journeyed together. And, of course , it is our hope that new students will join us in 2010. You are always welcome, even if you miss a few classes here and there so Open That Door!

We can grow in knowledge and love of the Lord ...

Leading off last January, a Lections class was taught by Fr. Jim , based upon the weekly appointed readings from the Bible. Other offerings include a discussion of **The Shack**, led by Sam Giancarlo (who indicated his interest in adult Christian education) and a pilot project, thru The Rite Source, on loss of all types, memorializing bereavement facilitated by the Rev. Maggie Itzutsu. (She led a similar class in the Fall, using her innovative approach.)

Our Lenten series was led by Rev. David Hoster of St. George and entitled Sexuality, the Episcopal Church, ECR and Me. This series explored the intersection of Scripture, sex and sexual orientation, and God's Love. We were very pleased to offer a moving and powerful film entitled For the Bible Tells Me So at the conclusion of the series.

In the Spring of '09 Mr. Giancarlo offered a class entitled The Roman Empire and the New Testament. A copy of the book used is available in the library in Classroom 4.

Summer found a small group of us listening to Mr. Roger Temme discussing his work in The Care Communities. This agency provides practical and compassionate support to those living

with AIDS or cancer. As a result of this educational experience, an ECR CareTeam was trained and did minister to one of our own parishioners, who died recently of cancer.

Later in the summer, we enjoyed another of Sam's classes. Topics covered in Spiritual Formation included personal spiritual types, praying the hours, and other methods of developing a personal Rule of Life.

Fall of '09 included Episcopalian 101 led by Fr. Jim; The Spirituality of the Beatitudes led by our Seminarians, Marie and Susan and in October, Sam began a class called Praying the Psalms.

Our ECR Advent Series was provided by Mr. Temme and entitled Living with Hope as the Beloved of God drawing on the writings of Dutch theologian, Henri Nouwen, who worked with disabled adults, after a high profile career teaching and lecturing. We have several of his books available also in our library.

Throughout the year, at noon on Wednesdays, Fr. Jim offers a Bible Study class which always gets rave reviews from those of us able to attend. (Thank goodness for retirement, and/or lunch breaks, employment close to the church, etc.)

We thank Fr. Jim for his leadership and all of our teachers for their ideas and dedication. Please feel free to offer ideas for classes, volunteer to teach or lead a discussion, and/or to use the adult ed library. Our classes are always informal and no one is put on the spot either to talk or to remain silent!

Susan Ledenham and Mary Jo Hernandez
Adult Education Co-chairpersons



ALTAR GUILD

The ECR Altar Guild is composed of 13 members. Members are assigned to one of four teams that rotate one week each month and serve on a fifth Sunday during the year. Each team is responsible for the set up of all services, these include weddings, funerals and baptisms.

ECR is blessed with dedicated members who serve to see that the altar is set up for Holy Eucharist and that seasonal colors are in place. After each service they remove the vessels and linens from the altar to clean and store them for the next service.

The Altar Guild had two cleaning and meeting days this year, one was before Easter and the other before Christmas. All wood was polished as was brass, pew cushions were reversed, hangings were changed out. Seasonal flowers, plants, greenery were put in place, extra candles were put in place when appropriate.

The ECR Altar Guild was blessed this year with several donated gifts. St. Lydia's Guild donated money in memory of Patti rain to purchase a much needed fair linen for the altar. This arrived in time to be blessed and placed on the altar in time for Easter Sunday services. John and Jenni Medrano donated a tool bag filled with new tools for the Altar Guild to use as necessary. Both items were blessed by Fr. Jim. Thanks to a donation from Mason Kramer we were able to send out the larger candles to be refurbished and in June we received another gift from Hazel Raven to purchase a new chalice. It is gold tone and will be used for special occasions such as

weddings, funerals, and baptisms. A special thanks to those who gave so generously so we could keep the altar looking its best for all services.

Thanks to Fr. Jim's keen eye in spotting a shop with a phone number that did refinishing of metals, I was able to contact the owner and for a reasonable cost get some main brass items refinished to look new again, we had the two processional crosses, three alms basins and sanctuary bell done, thanks to St. Lydia's Guild.

There is much that needs to be retired, replaced or refinished to improve the appearance of each piece. Unfortunately the only funds for the Altar Guild in the church's yearly budget provide only for the wine and wafers--which leaves the Altar Guild dependent on donations from individuals and ministries.

A fundraiser is being planned by the Altar Guild and a meeting will be planned to bring it about and announcements will be made in the early spring.

The ECR Altar Guild continues to welcome those who wish to become members and join this rewarding ministry. We are also open to those who would like to just be substitutes and fill in for regular members that will be unavailable for their scheduled shift sometime during the year.

In march I attended an Altar Guild workshop and retreat at Camp Allen from march 18th-21st. Along with two other members, Nadine Gordon and Betty Stinson. I attended a workshop about the '3 C's of holy yard goods.' On a personal note, and on behalf of the Altar Guild, I would like to thank Georgia Tabor for her dedication and service to this ministry over the years. Georgia has retired as of the end of 2009, but will continue to help with the linens.

My personal thanks to Fr. Jim and the incredible group of Altar Guild members who so faithfully serve this ministry and give me their support when called upon.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Medrano
Directress, ECR Altar Guild.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 1407

Boy Scout Troop 1407 had a good year in 2009. We added 10 new boys and 5 new parents as leaders and helpers. We re-chartered with 16 active boys for 2010 and expect to add some more webelos as they cross over to boy scouts. Our monthly camp outs included the Camporee and Webelo Woods, where we recruit new scouts. We went to Camp Constantine (on Lake Possum Kingdom near Ft Worth) for summer camp. We had three boys make Eagle Scout (the highest scout rank): James Churchill, Adam Knight, and Donald Flynn. James and Adam had their Eagle Court of Honor along with Christopher Fehr who waited to have his Court of Honor with James. Donald will have his ceremony January 30, 2010 at St Thomas More Catholic church. Prudence Chappo, assistant scoutmaster, completed her Wood Badge training (the highest adult training) and is working on her "ticket" (follow up work from the class). Also, a Cub Pack has been added to sponsorship of our church and meets Sundays 4:30 to 5:30. Ryan Chappo from our troop serves as Den Chief. Clarence Starkie has become our institutional representative since the death on our faithful representative James Baker.

Granville Ott, Scoutmaster



THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW, 2009

Our Brotherhood Chapter held ten monthly meetings, including our annual joint meeting with the Episcopal Church Women in March. We are pleased to have had five new members join us as we carried out our disciplines of Prayer, Study and Service. Officers were Director Jim Heath, Vice Director Bob Edgecomb, Secretary Granville Ott and Treasurer Joe Page, succeeding James Baker who died in February. May God rest his soul.

The Diocesan Council of the Brotherhood's Annual Meeting and Retreat was held at Camp Allen on March 13-14. We sponsored the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 24. We served a record amount of pancakes and sausages and were able to donate \$262 to the ECR Youth Ministry. Thanks to everyone for their support. The 2010 Pancake Supper will be on February 16.

Other Brotherhood outreach programs include sponsoring the ECR Food Bank, donating food and other needy items to the St. John's Community Center; a fundraiser for the Diocesan Boys Retreat; donations to the Down Home Ranch (for persons with Down Syndrome), North Austin Caregivers, Habitat for Humanity, and Boy Scout Troop 1407, sponsored by ECR, Dr. Granville Ott, Scoutmaster. Our funds are raised mainly by our own donations at our monthly meetings.

Another Brotherhood ministry is the ECR Blood Drives, organized and coordinated by Brotherhood member Dudley Baker. A separate report will be submitted by Dudley.

All men and young men are urged to join us at our monthly breakfast meetings at 8:30 a.m. on the 3d Saturday each month, in the parish hall. We adjourn by 10 o'clock.

Chapter officers for 2010 are: Director Dick Christ, Vice Director Bob Edgecomb, Secretary Jim Heath, Treasurer Joe Page.

Jim Heath, Director 2009



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW BLOOD MINISTRY

Our chapter has maintained a 25-year outreach ministry in which parish members donate blood to save lives in the community. We do this as a part of our personal stewardship, in thanksgiving for our many blessings. (One unit of blood is very close to a tithe of the amount of blood in one's body!) We also receive credits we can pass on to communicants who need blood transfusions.

We encourage our donors to offer this prayer as they donate blood:

Heavenly Father, I thank you for the opportunity to love my neighbor in this special way. Take this blood, which I donate in thanksgiving for my good health, and use it to restore the life and health of an unknown brother or sister, in the name of Jesus. Amen

We have donated more than 1300 units of blood during this time. The fact that a unit of blood is often broken into components before it is used means that we have probably touched some 3000 lives with our ministry. I wonder how many lives we have saved!

Our fall drive in 2009 was our most productive since 1998! We collected 23 units from a growing list of regular donors. We hope to continue this growth in our 26th year with two Saturday morning on-campus drives, the first of which will be held on March 27. Watch for the opportunity to sign up beginning in February!

If you have not given before, give it some serious thought and prayer. How else can you tithe twice per year?

In His service,
Dudley Baker
Blood Drive Coordinator



CHALICISTS

This ministry involves the administration of communion by lay persons as part of the Holy Eucharist. The requirements of this ministry includes training and a license from the Bishop which may be granted for up to three years. There may be occasions in which this person may perform acolyte duties and further participate in other types of services.

During 2009, we were able to function with group of 13 people. This group consists of Dudley Baker, Lana Beyer, Robert Beyer, Bob Edgecomb, Sam Giancarlo, Susan Ledenham, Joan Medrano, Granville Ott, Helen Paulsen, Michael Paulsen, Kathryn Rogers, Alice White, and Roger Wines. Sam Giancarlo joined us in March. We miss the presence of Jennifer Williams who left this ministry in April. As a coordinator I had contact with these folks to see what their monthly schedules were to avoid serving conflicts. This worked well without much deviation. This group serves at the discretion of the minister and has performed their tasks in a diligent and spiritual way. My thanks to them for their ministry. We are always looking for people who have an interest in serving in this ministry.

We welcome aboard Larry Clifton who will be starting his tenure with this ministry in February 2010.

Michael Paulsen, Chalice Coordinator



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During 2009 CCEM:

1. Opened a new nursery in Classroom 2 for infants and Classroom 3 for toddlers. The nurseries are used most Sundays by anywhere from 2-6 children.
2. Added two part-time nursery attendants, Valerie Stockton and Ashley Rogers
3. Four leaders have taken introductory "Godly Play" Training..
4. Began the process of converting Classroom 5 to a "Godly Play" resource room.
5. Added two leaders for the Middle School/High School Class
6. Received several new children into the ministry.

Goals for 2010:

1. Complete the final stages of nursery conversion for Classrooms 2 and 3.
2. Continue the process of developing the "Godly Play" resource.
3. Identify and implement additional outreach efforts within and outside the existing congregation.
4. Involve the congregation in the "Safeguarding God's Children" course.

Many thanks go to Reba and Granville Ott, Andy Lyon, David Prather, Tim Butterbaugh, Lee Elena Stockton, Tammi Page, Pattie Langford, Valerie Stockton and Ashley Rogers.

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Morrison, Director of Children's Christian Education



COMMUNICATIONS

During this past year, parish communications via the website and MidWeek continued to be successful in reaching out to those looking for a church family and for communicating within the parish to make sure everyone with internet access receives the latest and greatest information about parish events and life. Our Parish Administrator took over publication of MidWeek as we are in our third year of using this method to communicate with the parish. Bob Beyer continues to maintain the website and keep information on it up to date and timely. Jim Ryan provides technical support for the website design.

Late in 2009, the church calendar was placed on the website to provide real-time updated information to the parish. Now the parish administrator keeps the official church calendar on-line, accessible to all.

We also added a PayPal feature to the church website allowing anyone to make contributions, including pledge payments securely, using a wide variety of payment options via PayPal. Many other parishes have used this feature very successfully.

We removed on-line access to the Church Directory via MidWeek to protect the privacy of our parishioners. Anyone in the parish can email the church office to have a .pdf file of the latest church directory sent to them directly by email. This way, you can keep the church directory file on your computer for paperless and easy reference. Being able to contact each other within the parish in support of our ministry to others is of vital importance to our church community.

If you have e-mail and are not signed up to receive our weekly MidWeek E-newsletter every Wednesday, please contact the church office to be placed on the distribution list. It's a great way to find out what's happening at ECR in a timely manner.

Bob Beyer, Parish Communications



CURSILLO

The Cursillo Community did have some activity in 2009. We sent Betty Stinson to Cursillo and she reported that it was the "Best Cursillo Ever". You will just have to ask her! It is THE BEST gift you can ever give yourself. ECR hosted an Ultreya in October and had about 25 in attendance. David Prather provided the music for our Ultreya and he has not attended a Cursillo yet, but we are working on him.

If you want to, or are thinking you might want to, attend a Cursillo, just ask anyone with one of those ECR folks wearing a colorful lanyards around their neck. I am sure they will tell you that their Cursillo was "The Best Cursillo Ever."

Ultreya (forward and onward), Helen Paulsen



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an international religious order for Episcopal women. Its purpose is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our parishes and missions. The requirements for membership in the Order are that woman be a communicant in the Episcopal Church, be willing to participate in the preparation period and vow to accept the Rule of Life. The Rule of Life is a reaffirmation of the promises made at Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. To become a member, a Daughter completes a study that is done with other members, on completion of this study, and after prayer discernment, she is installed into this Order.

The Daughters of the King, the Saint Clare's Chapter, here at ECR meet once a month on the first Tuesday of each month. Prayer requests for the DOK can be placed in the special Prayer Box in the Narthex of the Church.

During 2009 the Saint Clare's Chapter installed two new Daughters, Annette Nover-Ault and Betty Stinson.

We have asked our congregation to feel welcome to let us know, either individually or by placing a card in our box, to ask us to pray with them for any concerns they may want us to help them pray for. As Daughters we promise to keep all prayer requests confidential. We know there is much power in many prayers.

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING A
DAUGHTER OF THE KING*

*You can ask any one of us: **Helen Paulsen, Joan Medrano, Annette Nover-Ault, Betty Stinson, Alice White, Jane Basey, Pam Stout, Nadine Gordon, Lana Beyers, Jeri Wines, Juanita Grady, and Ann Foxworth.***

FHS (For His Sake), Helen Paulsen



DINE OUT

Dine Out consists of eating at a different restaurant each month, usually on the third Saturday. It is a good way to meet new members and to get better acquainted with older members of the church. Our attendance is averaging 25-30 each time. Everyone is invited, including friends, relatives, children. Join us for fun, fellowship, and good food.

Will White and Joe Page, Coordinators



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF RESURRECTION

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of ECR meets on the 3rd. Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m., September through May. We have guest speakers each month on topics chosen to enrich the lives of all in attendance. The meetings are held in the Parish Hall, refreshments are provided by the ladies and meetings end at about 12 noon. The theme for 2009-2010 is "Faith and Fellowship".

Activities for ECW include distribution of Secret Prayer Pal's, preparing a quilt each year for the Holiday Fair as a means for fundraising for the Church, preparing and Serving lunch for the mid year meeting in September, sponsorship of a family at Christmas time, fundraiser at the Annual Parish Luncheon in January and bereavement support teams to assist in preparing and providing food as needed for receptions.

All ladies who are members of ECR are automatically members of ECW OF RESURRECTION!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Sterzing, ECW President



FLOWER GUILD REPORT

The ECR Flower Guild is a part of the Altar Guild, consisting of four members. Similar to the Altar Guild teams, each member is assigned one Sunday a month. The members of the ECR Flower Guild are Susan Ledenham, Linda Bryant, Reba Ott and Ann Harrington.

Each week, the assigned member picks out the flowers and creates the altar arrangement for the Sunday services. After the 11 a.m. service, the flower arrangement is divided into smaller arrangements which are sent with the Lay Pastoral Minister to members of our parish family who are hospitalized or unable to attend services. The Flower Guild is also available to assist with the altar arrangements for wedding and funeral services.

The altar flowers are funded by donations of individuals who have signed up on the Flower Chart on the Narthex bulletin board located across from the chapel. The flowers are donated in someone's honor or memory or are given in thanksgiving. The suggested donation is \$30. Please look for the Flower Chart and sign up early in order to get the date(s) special to you.

This ministry is very important to the beauty of our services. It is another way to praise God for the glory of his creation. If you enjoy working with flowers or want to learn how to arrange flowers, our members are glad to share their knowledge. We welcome anyone willing to share their time and talent by becoming a member of the Flower Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Medrano, Directress
ECR Altar Guild/Flower Guild



FOYERS

Foyers groups this year increased to two groups. Foyers is an invitation to ECR's community to meet and share a meal in the various members' homes or location they choose. These are small groups, usually 8 people who get together about 4 times during the fall-to-spring season. The hostess chooses and provides the main dish and each other couples provide salad, appetizers and dessert, so it isn't a lot of work for anyone.

The focus is social and building our Episcopal community and friendships among the participants. It is always fun and interesting when people new to ECR join. Anyone who would like to be part of our ECR Foyers is urged to call David Henderson at 512-267-3584 or 512 923-8958.

David Henderson



EYC – Youth Ministry

After returning from the holiday season, the youth got back into the groove.

January and February were the start of our fundraising months and planning for our Mission Trip. Bake sales and car washes were our most popular fundraisers. The youth decided that they would like to help with clean up or whatever was necessary at the Texas coast from the latests hurricanes. The church family really supported the youth. Thank you! Sometime during the month of February, the youth had a terrific lock-in. The theme of this lock-in was "The Amazing Grace Race". Ryan Page and Chris Summers designed our youth t-shirt for this event. Each youth member and friend in attendance received a t-shirt. Many of our parishioners helped in our "race". Ann Foxworth had the youth learning and reading a tad bit of braille. Joe Page had the youth pitch washers. Boy, was that a challenge, especially in the dark. Patte Langford had the youth ride trikes, what a sight that was!! The youth also had to shop at Crestview Minimax and play and run in the park. Also, they had to try different types of baby food blindfolded at the Pages' house. Yummy!

March and April were finalizing months for the mission trip and new ECR t-shirts were sold. The design on the front of the shirt came from Ryan Page and the back of the shirt was designed by Emily Stockton. The youth made the t-shirts available in many different sizes and three different colors.

May brought Youth Sunday on Mother's Day. Ryan Page shared his sermon with the church family. This was his final and farewell youth Sunday. Also, during this month we recognized the seniors who graduated from high school. The only senior this year was Ryan Page.

June finally came and boy were we ready for our Mission Trip. Most of our youth got to come for an amazing adventure and what memories! Chris Summers, Lana Beyer (who met us down at the mission site) and Shelly Page were the adult chaperones. Don't let us forget Valerie Stockton, too. Our mission trip was to the Texas Coast, to be exact, La Port, Texas. Once we arrived, we hit the ground running. Our jobs/duties were trash clean up, lawn mowing, weeding, and our biggest job of all was replacing a sub floor for one of the hurricane victims. A lot of work, sweat, more sweat and more sweat went into the entire trip. We worked hard during the day and played or slept at night. The trip ended with a special treat to the beach, Galveston Beach. We also attended church in Galveston the Sunday we were there. The entire youth were proud of their accomplishments and we all became closer in our relationships with each other and in our relationship with God.

July and August were down months. We took the entire two months off. This was vacation with family and/or camp time.

The beginning of the academic school year is upon us again in **September**. Chris Summers, Jenny Summers, Shelly Page and Lana Beyer, along with the help of assistant Ashlee Rogers, are at the helm once again.

October brought us our second Youth Sunday of the year with Ryan and Halon Hamilton (Chris and Jenny's cousins) preaching the sermon. What a dynamic duo those two are.

November brought us our second lock-in of the year and the Holiday Fair youth food booth. The fair and the lock-in were all in the same weekend. What were we thinking? We won't do that again!!! At the fair, we sold hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and sausage wraps along with sodas and chips. It was another successful fair for the youth. This month's theme was an "Austin Scavenger Hunt". Ryan Page organized and detailed the entire scavenger hunt from college. Hat's off to Ryan for a great job. Boy, were we all tired come Sunday morning. Wonder why?!?

December was a slow month for the youth. We talked about what we would like to do on our next mission trip, future fundraisers and many other suggestions and ideas while preparing for the holiday season. We ended youth for the year of 2009 with a gift exchange celebration. Some interesting gifts were given but what a lot of fun we had.

We would like to thank everyone in our parish family who supports us not just through our fundraisers but through kind words, praise and prayers. We would like for 2010 to be just a good of year as 2009 was and we are sure that it will be.

Blessings to all!

Submitted by Shelly Page, Chris Summers, Jenny Summers and Lana Beyer



HOLIDAY FAIR

The Holiday Fair was held on November 14, 2009 and was a fun and exciting event. There were six (6) outside vendors participating in the Fair along with the EYC Food Booth, the Jumping Castle for the children, Episcopal Church Women Quilt Raffle (the winner was Julia Aleman), Cookies by the Pound, St. Lydia's Guild, Granny's Pantry, the Coffee Shop, photography booth, Betty Stinson's booth with prints and note cards of the Church and the Silent Auction. The total proceeds from the 2009 Holiday Fair totaled \$6,242.02.

The Holiday Fair is an annual event held to celebrate the fellowship of our community and to raise support for the ministry and mission of ECR. Many individuals served as Booth Coordinators and their efforts contributed to make the Holiday Fair a success.

"Thank you" is not appropriate for all those who volunteered and worked the Holiday Fair. ECR is truly blessed with hard working individuals. I appreciate each and every one of you and thank God for your invaluable service. Thank you to all that assisted with the Holiday Fair. You made a great difference! Without you the Holiday Fair would not have been a success. And it was! God's blessings to you all.

It was my honor and privilege to serve as the Chairperson for the 2009 Holiday Fair.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Starkie



LAY PASTORAL CARE

Our Lay Pastoral Care Team consists of **Jane Basey, Lana and Bob Beyer, Marie and Tim Butterbaugh, Bob Edgecomb, Sam Giancarlo, Susan and Woody Ledenham, and the undersigned. Amanda Molina** is joining us in February and **Jim Castro** assists us as with telephone contacts.

We think of ourselves as Messengers of God's Love, who:

- Visit sick and homebound persons as needed, in hospitals, nursing homes, or private residences.
- Take Holy Communion to them after church on Sundays
- Take altar flowers to them after church on Sundays
- Mail cards, pew bulletins, and sermon copies to them
- Keep in touch by phone

Our group supplements Fr. Jim's pastoral care effort by ministering to typically a dozen persons who cannot get to church because they are either housebound or in nursing homes. In addition we serve members who are ill at home or in a hospital. Occasionally our list has grown to more than 15 because of several communicants recovering from surgery.

Why do we do this? Because we love Jesus and have accepted His call to serve as His eyes, ears, hands, and feet in this ministry. But we sometimes have to argue with people who apologize for needing our help. If we have no opportunities to serve, we have no ministry! Believe me, it is not a chore – it is a privilege!

Please keep our ministry in your prayers! If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry, please call me at 345-0704. We can always use more help.

In His service,
Dudley Baker, Lay Pastoral Care Coordinator



LECTOR'S MINISTRY

We have had a net gain in the total number of readers. There are enough readers that it was no longer necessary to have readers serving at both services. The readers schedule is on a quarterly basis allowing for advanced planning. It includes the regular Sunday services plus the additional services such as Holy Week and Christmas Eve. There has been a recent reduction in the total number of readers and would welcome hearing from anyone who would like to join our group. Group training of all readers is held once a year in compliance with diocesan requirements and new readers are trained on an individual basis

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Beyer, Readers' Coordinator



MEMORIALS

As gifts to the Church are given in memory of someone, a note of appreciation is sent to the donor. Then, an acknowledgement of the gift and donor is sent to the family of the person being memorialized. All gifts are recorded in a red leather-bound book which resides in a case at the rear of the Sanctuary. This book is available for anyone to view.

Jean Heath, Recorder for the Memorials



Report of the Interim Music Director

The past year has brought a great deal of unexpected change to ECR's music program. At the end of July, God's faithful servant Mike Stout was called to the celestial chorus, and our loss was Heaven's gain. We give praise and thanks for Mike's ministry of 30+ years, and honor the countless memories of his love and friendship so freely given.

With Mike's passing, the decision was made to engage an interim music director, to allow a season for a transition and the determination of future needs. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you in that role since the end of August, and feel both warmly welcomed and very much at home at ECR. My family and I are wonderfully blessed by your friendship!

Musically speaking, the choir has been building on the foundations Mike laid this fall. We have worked hard to develop blend both within and among sections, moving our tone production upward and increasing vocal flexibility. Several new songs have been added to the repertoire, and we have even worked ahead on some music for this spring. We enjoyed working with Heralds & Minstrels twice in December, and look forward to further opportunities in 2010. Our ability to hold pitch has improved, and the choir was able to perform a cappella with cringe-free instrumental interludes in December – including a number for the annual Caregivers' Concert!

We have seen some growth within the ensemble; the choir's numbers swelled to 21 this fall. We are always thrilled to have more participation, so please contact me if you would like to add your voice to our group. Attendance has been good (despite flu season), which has allowed us to present a large range of musical offerings. Sadly, longtime tenor Joe Garrison passed away in the first few hours of the year; it was our privilege to sing for his funeral on January 7.

On All Saints' Sunday, we inaugurated ECR's new concert series with a joint concert by the ECR Choir, Heralds & Minstrels, and a quartet from the Balcones Community Orchestra. \$220 in donations received from this concert went to the music fund; we hope to raise money to add a solo reed stop to the organ in Mike's memory. The series will continue with a concert featuring Heralds & Minstrels on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. We hope to present concerts on a quarterly basis, featuring groups we host as well as performers from the general community.

The organ has been functioning well this fall, although a few odd noises have begun to slip out with the arrival of cold, dry air in the past month. Some ivories will need to be replaced this year, and we can expect to tune the instrument once warm weather returns. The choir room piano is also due for some repair and tuning; a generous pledge from Bob and Mary Wade Edgecomb will help tremendously with this project.

We look forward to using the handbells more within services this spring, especially on hymns. If there are enough folks ready to commit to regular rehearsals, it would be fun to start work on a bell selection for Palm Sunday or Easter. We also seek instrumentalists ready to share their gifts within the service – I am particularly eager to find talented flute and guitar players for some music planned in the next few months!

The music director position hire will be made after conclusion of the application and audition process this month, and longterm planning for ECR's music program will begin then. I have really enjoyed being with you through this time of transition, and look forward to a lasting and happy relationship with ECR in the coming years in whatever capacity I may serve.

Sara Burden-McClure



NAOMI GUILD

The Naomi Guild meets on the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for a pot luck luncheon. We have a lot of conversation, stories and sometimes music provided by Jane Basey and sometimes vocals by Jane and Eleanor Ansberry. Everyone is welcome to come and share this special time with us. Our main function is to feed the soul as well as the body so that everyone leaves with a happy feeling.

Ginny and Don Helmers and Nell Langdon, co-chairpersons



PARISH CAMP WEEKEND

No report submitted



SMALL GROUPS

The small group continues to meet. Our meetings are scheduled for 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Parish Hall. However, we met only once in November and once in December due to the Holidays. We will be meeting at the home of Patte Langford until the weather warms up. The Parish Hall is just too cold. We are beginning to have problems with older members being unwilling to get out at night. We will be discussing and evaluating how we can change our meetings to a better time to accommodate our members' needs. Each of us has found the group to be very valuable and I believe we will make the changes necessary to continue to meet.

Current members of the group are Patte Langford, Jay Lyons, Annette Nover-Ault, Jane Basey, Joan Medrano, Juanita Grady, Mary Harris, and Thelma Heather. We spend the first half of the meeting sharing snacks and checking in about what has happened to each of us over the prior two weeks. The second half of the meeting is spent in reading the Gospel lesson for the preceding Sunday and discussing the reading and relating it to our lives. We close with a circle prayer.

Anyone interested in joining this group or in forming a second small group is invited to call Juanita Grady, small group leader, at 837-2957 (home) or 371-1777 (work).

Juanita Grady



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The emphasis of our Stewardship campaign this year was taken from our newly developed mission statement which included the phrase "Putting God's love into action". This year was, perhaps, even more challenging than last year with an economy that continues to do poorly.

The Stewardship presentations were frank in presenting the needs of our parish and what we are all called to do. We continued to asking our members to reflect on how each one is responding with giving "time, talent and treasure" which enables the ministries of ECR to do the important work God is calling us to do. We continued producing and distributing the Stewardship packets. The majority of these packets were delivered in person between and after the services. Those serving on the Stewardship Committee this year were Dudley Baker, Bob and Lana Beyer, Annette Nover-Ault, Granville Ott, and John and Georgia Tabor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Beyer, Chairman



ST. LYDIA'S GUILD

St. Lydia Craft Guild continued its ministry in 2009. We had several work days before the 2009 Bazaar and also worked on many projects from our homes. As in the last few years, St. Lydia's requested our church crafters to donate items for sale. This year they and others outside the church responded to make a very successful bazaar. All \$1,024.05 we made at the bazaar went to the church. The mini-bazaar held in the Narthex December 6th was also successful with \$389.85 to be distributed by the Guild.

In 2009 the Guild sent money to Habitat for Humanity, North Central Care Givers, and to Fr. Stockton's medical prescriptions discretionary fund. We also contributed for a new Altar Fair Linen and paid for re-brassing the alms basin for a total of \$924.

Reba Ott and Ginny Helmers, co-chair St. Lydia's



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop had another successful year, and we want to thank everyone for their donations of goods and time spent helping us in the operations of the Thrift Shop. We also extend our thanks to those persons who helped us on our estate pickup. These are people who donated their time to sort, pack, load and unload that aren't part of our regular staff.

The Resurrection Thrift Shop and St. Johns Episcopal Church combined efforts held the 6th Annual fundraising on Jan 31, 2009 with the money going to St. Johns Community Center of Austin to support the Food Bank. Resurrection was able to generate \$214.02 from our shop.

Our outreach this year provided to 8 entities. It consisted of Vouchers generated out of our church office, Salvation Army, Goodwill, ARCH (homeless freeze night Saturday, Dec 26th serving 29 persons), other various outreach ministries, Holiday Fair and St. Johns Community Center. Since we don't price out everything going to all groups, some donations like Salvation Army are estimated. We send our inoperative electronics to Goodwill and they have people who will repair or salvage parts and then environmentally dispose of remaining items. Our total estimated outreach is \$5,129.77 for the year.

We had one estate sale which netted \$936.78. Our regular Saturday sales (beyond the estate sale) generated \$913.04 (which was down from \$996.15 generated in 2008), but was partially a result of reducing of our operating Saturdays. Our total sales for 2009 were \$17,356.56 operating 260 days, averaging 22 days per month. This resulted in a increase of \$781.87 from our total sales for 2008. We had a decline in sales in September, October and also in

December (operating only 18 days in Dec allowing staff off for Christmas and New Year's holiday period). Decline in sales resulted from reduction of estate sales and the downturn in the economy. Overall we fared well.

For the year of 2009 as a line item in the operating budget we had pledged \$12,000.00 and actually ended up contributing \$15,000.00. We also helped the Holiday Fair, and were able to contribute \$548.15 from our sales that day. Total to ECR budget was \$15,548.15

In 2009 we continued doing some things which spruced up the Thrift Shop. Losing our back Thrift Shop resulted in loss of sales area, therefore on occasion we used the front section of the Parish Hall to display large items of furniture which we normally have and would put on Craig's List. We started using Craig's List in latter 2008 with a great degree of success (which resulted in the sale of 13 items), however in 2009 we weren't able to sustain the input of needed information. Also with rental and other activities in the parish hall and the alarm system it makes it awkward using this space. Our staff suffered during the year with the illness of Margaret Teague and with Phadera Kline (who was from St. Matthews) leaving. We are so grateful for their time and service rendered. On the last Sunday and Monday in October we had the assistance of our local Boy Scout Troop 1407 to help us sort clothing from our storage shed which helped us to get some of our inventory sorted and stored in a better fashion. This was a greatly needed assist that took outside help. Patte Langford, Helen Paulsen, Annett-Nover-Ault and Julie Aleman helped in the last two months to help weed out old inventory. Julie Aleman has dressed the shop with two display mannequins which are stylish outfitted with clothing, jewelry and shoes from time to time.

For 2010 the Thrift Shop is pledging \$12,000.00 as a line item in the operating budget. This presents a challenge for a staff now consisting of 15 people: Alice White, Patte Langford, Jane Basey, Joe Page, Dorothy Innerarity, Eleanor Ansberry, Roger Wines, Annette Nover-Ault, Nadine Gordon, Reba Ott, Granville Ott, Michael Paulsen, Helen Paulsen, David Bryant (who helps the 1st Monday of each month) and Julie Aleman who joined us in November 2009. Sales operation is (3 hrs per day) 5 days per week plus one Saturday per month. There are others who are putting in additional time. In July 2009 (at our annual meeting which was held at Joe Page's house with staff and others who had helped us in the past in estate sale pickups and other endeavors), it was decided to eliminate opening the Thrift Shop on the third Saturday of each month. This also conflicted in staffing with the meeting of the St. Andrew Brotherhood and the ECW meetings on that Saturday. Still under consideration is the continuation of the first Saturday or holding a quarterly sale with extended hours on that Saturday. We will look at 2009 figures for further resolution. We are facing the need for more help with sorting and pricing and staffing. We are sending out another plea for HELP. We can probably accommodate your time frames if we know you are interested. Please consider and contact one of our coordinators. We cannot afford to drop our expectations, but keep in mind this is not only for our church but it also offers an outreach to the community and our customers.

If you have any questions on how you can help, contact our coordinators.

Helen and Michael Paulsen 255-5741, or Reba and Granville Ott 258-3345



THREADS OF LOVE

Threads of Love had another successful year in 2009. Our sewing and needlework ministry to premature and sick infants has continued to thrive and we delivered 5678 handmade items to local and area hospitals in 2009. In addition to items distributed, we have at any given time an average of 200-300 items in reserve surplus.

We celebrated our Fifth birthday with a Birthday Party in June '09. We were blessed to have the Founder of Threads of Love, Sissy Davis from Baton Rouge, Louisiana as our guest speaker along with 58 guest in attendance. There were numerous awards and door prizes and we had a very successful quilt raffle as well.

Once again, we have been blessed and generously supported by St. David's North Austin Medical Center Auxiliary, Walmart, Carol Kussmaul, owner of Ministitches quilt store & Mr. T Joint Venture, and many contributions from ECR members and friends of Threads of Love. We also received a number of memorial gifts this year.

This Christ centered outreach has been a blessing to our members and the infants and families that we serve. We will continue to use our gifts and talents to serve infants in our area Neonatal Intensive Care Units and the families of those infants too tiny or sick to survive.

Please keep this ministry and all premature babies and their families in your prayers.

Georgia Tabor



USHERS

We currently have 26 parishioners serving regularly in this very important ministry. "Thanks Be To God" for their dedication to his service. We had two young ladies join this group this past year, Molly Lyon and Ashley Rogers, also Dick Christ joined the group. Thanks to all for your commitment to this service. There is always a need for additional ushers. If you have a desire to serve our Lord in this capacity or want more information, contact Joe Page at 453-3077. No experience required - training provided.

Prayerfully Submitted
Joe Page, Usher Coordinator



UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering is a service ministry which encourages individuals to give daily thanks through prayer and to express that thanks by depositing a coin in the "Blue Box". These coins are gathered twice a year and united with coins from all over the Diocese. They are returned to God's world through UTO grants around the country and the world. A copy of the UTO 2009 Grants List is posted on the Narthex bulletin board across from the chapel.

ECR conducted two in-gatherings, the first on May 17 and the second on November 1. The two In-Gathering totaled \$969.59 with an average of 30 participants. While the money is a benefit to those receiving UTO grants, what is more important are the prayers, hopes and thanks represented by these coins for all the blessings that flow from God alone. The next in-gathering will be Sunday, May 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bryant
UTO Coordinator

DECEMBER 2009 FINANCIAL REPORTS

CHECKING ACCOUNT

December, 2009	Checking Account Total	Operating Account	Designated Account
BEGINNING BALANCE	18,914.38	-14,987.06	33,901.44
Deposits	38,248.25	34,963.40	3,121.85
Transfers in	0.00	283.79	78.00
Disbursements	23,148.94	19,545.78	3,440.16
Transfers out	0.00	78.00	283.79
CLOSING BALANCE	34,013.69	636.35	33,377.34

OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

December, 2009		Monthly Budget	Summary to Date	Budgeted to Date	2009 Budget
BEGINNING BALANCE	-14,987.06		3,111.16		
Income					
Plate	2,953.75	1,291.67	19,689.65	15,500.00	15,500.00
Pledge	29,157.00	13,206.25	188,199.95	158,475.00	158,475.00
Total plate and pledge	32,110.75	14,497.92	207,889.60	173,975.00	173,975.00
Altar flowers	335.00	125.00	1,518.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Bequests	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Holiday Fair	643.15	583.33	6,266.02	7,000.00	7,000.00
Miscellaneous designated	0.00	375.00	2,987.43	4,500.00	4,500.00
Nursery Supplies	0.00	15.00	0.00	180.00	180.00
Randalls-Safeway	0.00	2.92	59.41	35.00	35.00
Rent	437.00	208.33	3,948.80	2,500.00	2,500.00
Thrift Shop	1,500.00	1,000.00	15,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Transfer from designated funds	221.29	221.25	2,655.48	2,655.00	2,655.00
Total miscellaneous income	3,136.44	2,530.83	32,435.14	30,370.00	30,370.00
TOTAL INCOME	35,247.19	17,028.75	240,324.74	204,345.00	204,345.00
Disbursements					
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	19,623.78	18,662.52	242,799.55	223,950.20	223,950.20
Closing Balance	636.35		636.35		

OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

2009 Expenses	December	Monthly Budget	Spent to Date	2009 Budget
OUTREACH				
Diocesan Assessment	2,222.75	2,222.75	26,673.00	26,673.00
Missionary Asking	416.67	416.67	5,000.07	5,000.00
Discretionary Funds	78.00	125.00	1,118.89	1,500.00
Coalition to Assist Homeless	255.79	250.00	2,871.38	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Outreach	0.00	8.33	50.00	100.00
Sub-total Outreach	2,973.21	3,022.75	35,713.34	36,273.00
STAFF				
Rector's Package	6,147.14	5,643.10	67,717.19	67,717.20
Rector's Pension	936.26	936.25	11,235.12	11,235.00
Choir Director	950.00	1,063.33	12,216.98	12,760.00
Parish Administrator	1,170.01	998.33	13,718.76	11,980.00
Sexton	908.65	791.67	9,449.96	9,500.00
Baby Sitting	0.00	220.83	1,050.00	2,650.00
Staff Social Security	398.07	250.00	3,352.64	3,000.00
Lay Pension	0.00	91.67	1,066.56	1,100.00
Insurance Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	43.00	0.00
Supply Clergy	0.00	83.33	1,039.84	1,000.00
Sub-total - Staff	10,510.13	10,078.52	120,890.05	120,942.20
FACILITY COSTS				
Electricity	917.30	1,208.33	16,446.69	14,500.00
Gas	290.27	250.00	2,608.76	3,000.00
Insurance	1,354.51	1,083.33	15,838.56	13,000.00
Maintenance & Supplies	1,554.60	833.33	15,033.34	10,000.00
Repairs	0.00	250.00	10,899.00	3,000.00
Quin Foundation Loan	221.29	221.25	2,655.48	2,655.00
Telephone	377.54	333.33	4,471.94	4,000.00
Sub-total - Facility	4,715.51	4,179.58	67,953.77	50,155.00
OTHER				
Advertising	126.50	141.67	1,490.50	1,700.00
Altar	354.02	125.00	2,467.75	1,500.00
Altar flowers	188.21	125.00	1,584.46	1,500.00
Christian Education	0.00	37.50	0.00	450.00
Congregational Life	16.74	12.50	123.41	150.00
Contingencies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Music Ministry	0.00	58.33	1,124.24	700.00
Nursery	0.00	15.00	85.80	180.00
Office	517.17	750.00	9,874.31	9,000.00
Postage	222.29	83.33	1,191.92	1,000.00
Stewardship	0.00	8.33	0.00	100.00
Youth Ministry	0.00	25.00	300.00	300.00
Sub-total Other	1,424.93	1,381.67	18,242.39	16,580.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,623.78	18,662.52	242,799.55	223,950.20

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

2009	December					
	Beg Balance	Deposits	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Balance
Advance Pledge	62.50				62.50	0.00
Advance Pledge 2010	700.00					700.00
AMOA	0.00					0.00
Bathroom Remodeling	2,112.11					2,112.11
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	0.00					0.00
Boy Scouts	445.71	100.00				545.71
Camp Wellspring	460.00					460.00
Carpet-Toddler Room	550.00					550.00
Choir Fund	4,481.62	300.00		1,080.00		3,701.62
Columbarium	7,563.80					7,563.80
Cursillo	-52.00					-52.00
Daughters of the King	-35.00	35.00				0.00
Diocesan Council	-31.63					-31.63
Diocese of Jerusalem	0.00					0.00
Discretionary Fund	722.50	694.00	78.00	958.00		536.50
ECW	374.82	205.00		130.00		449.82
Habitat for Humanity	0.00					0.00
Holiday Fair	263.59					263.59
Lenten Series	-186.39					-186.39
Memorial Fund	5,850.22	343.00				6,193.22
Memorial Fund Sprinkler	925.00					925.00
Ministry Leaders Retreat	-606.76					-606.76
New Parish Hall Fund	-88.16	500.00		577.50		-165.66
Organ Repair Fund	850.00					850.00
Parish Hall Tables	275.36					275.36
Adult Christian Ed	278.00					278.00
Roy Lane Estate	4,265.07				221.29	4,043.78
Sign	382.60					382.60
St. Lydia's Guild	87.95	414.85				502.80
Threads of Love	3,536.32	30.00		200.14		3,366.18
Trinity Street Ministries	137.19					137.19
UTO	494.52			494.52		0.00
Youth Ministry	82.50					82.50
Welcome Table	0.00	500.00				500.00
TOTALS	33,901.44	3,121.85	78.00	3,440.16	283.79	33,377.34

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
2010 BUDGET**

	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2010 Proposed
BEGINNING BALANCE	3,111.16	3,111.16	636.35
Income			
Plate	15,500.00	19,689.65	16,000.00
Pledge	158,475.00	188,199.95	164,610.00
Total plate and pledge	173,975.00	207,889.60	180,610.00
Altar flowers	1,500.00	1,498.00	1,500.00
Bequests	0.00	0.00	0.00
Holiday Fair	7,000.00	6,266.02	7,000.00
Miscellaneous designated	4,500.00	2,987.43	3,000.00
Nursery Supplies	180.00	0.00	100.00
Randalls-Safeway	35.00	59.41	100.00
Rent	2,500.00	3,948.80	3,200.00
Thrift Shop	12,000.00	15,000.00	12,000.00
Transfer from designated funds	2,655.00	2,655.48	2,655.00
Total miscellaneous income	30,370.00	32,415.14	29,555.00
TOTAL INCOME	204,345.00	240,304.74	210,165.00
Expenses			
OUTREACH			
Diocesan Assessment	26,673.00	26,673.00	28,984.00
Missionary Asking	5,000.00	5,000.07	5,000.00
Discretionary Funds	1,500.00	1,118.89	1,200.00
Coalition to Assist Homeless	3,000.00	2,871.38	3,100.00
Miscellaneous Outreach	100.00	50.00	50.00
Sub-total Outreach	36,273.00	35,713.34	38,334.00
STAFF			
Rector's Package	67,717.20	67,717.19	68,453.00
Rector's Pension	11,235.00	11,235.12	11,368.00
Choir Director	12,760.00	12,216.98	14,400.00
Parish Administrator	11,980.00	13,718.76	13,000.00
Sexton	9,500.00	9,449.96	9,500.00
Baby Sitting	2,650.00	1,050.00	2,650.00
Staff Social Security	3,000.00	3,352.64	3,100.00
Lay Pension	1,100.00	1,066.56	1,100.00
Insurance Reimbursement	0.00	43.00	0.00
Supply Clergy	1,000.00	1,039.84	1,000.00
Sub-total - Staff	120,942.20	120,890.05	124,571.00
FACILITY COSTS			
Electricity	14,500.00	16,446.69	15,500.00
Gas	3,000.00	2,608.76	3,000.00
Insurance	13,000.00	15,838.56	14,350.00
Maintenance & Supplies	10,000.00	15,033.34	10,000.00
Repairs	3,000.00	10,899.00	6,000.00
Quin Foundation Loan	2,655.00	2,655.48	2,655.00
Telephone	4,000.00	4,471.94	4,000.00
Sub-total - Facility	50,155.00	67,953.77	55,505.00
OTHER			
Advertising	1,700.00	1,490.50	1,500.00

2010 Pledges

Amount	# Rec'd
164,610.00	65

Rector's Package

Stipend	32,130.00
Housing	22,100.00
Social Security	8,923.00
Car Allowance	4,000.00
Business Expense	800.00
Cont. Education	500.00
	68,453.00

Altar	1,500.00	2,467.75	1,000.00
Altar flowers	1,500.00	1,584.46	1,500.00
Christian Education	450.00	0.00	300.00
Congregational Life	150.00	123.41	150.00
Contingencies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Music Ministry	700.00	1,124.24	700.00
Nursery	180.00	85.80	100.00
Office	9,000.00	9,874.31	9,000.00
Postage	1,000.00	1,191.92	1,000.00
Stewardship	100.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Ministry	300.00	300.00	300.00
Sub-total Other	16,580.00	18,242.39	15,550.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	223,950.20	242,799.55	233,960.00
Balance	-16,494.04	616.35	-23,158.65