

Canon 6.6 of Parish Meetings

Sec. 1. There shall be an Annual Meeting in every Parish, for the purpose of hearing and the acting upon reports of the Rector, the Treasurer, the Auditing Committee, the Church School, and the various guilds and other organizations; for the election of Vestry members; and for the transaction of such other business as may legally and canonical come before the meeting.

Sec. 2. The Annual Meeting shall be held upon a day and hour determined by the Vestry.

Sec. 3. Notice of the Annual Meeting, signed by the Rector or by one of the Wardens, shall be posted in a conspicuous place at a main entrance to the Church at least one week before the date of the meeting.

Sec. 4. All communicants of the Church 16 years of age, who have been enrolled on the Parish Register for six months immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and have communicated in the Parish during the year preceding, and all baptized persons of like age who are and have been contributors in their known names, to the support of the Parish for not less than six months preceding, shall be legal voters of the Parish. Voting shall be limited to those present at the Annual Meeting and voting by proxy shall not be allowed. If the Parish has been organized within six months prior to the day of the Annual Meeting, the period of required membership or contribution shall date from such organization.

Sec. 5. The Rector shall preside at all Annual Meetings, or if absent or unable to act, one of the Wardens shall preside, as provided in Canon 6.8. The Clerk of the Vestry shall be Clerk of the Parish and shall act as such at all Parish meetings. In case of the Clerk's absence, the meeting shall elect a Clerk pro tempore.

Sec. 6. The election of Vestry members shall be by ballot. Three tellers shall be appointed, one by the presiding officer, one by the Members of the Vestry who are present, and the third by these two parties. The tellers shall receive and count the votes for Members of the Vestry and shall also act as judges of the election. Any legal voter may challenge the right of any person to vote, and the judges shall note upon the ballot the name of the voter, whether the vote was allowed or rejected, and shall sign the ballot. The Clerk shall enclose all ballots cast at the election, and all rejected ballots, in a sealed envelope and it shall be signed by the Clerk and the judges, and delivered to the Vestry. It shall be preserved unopened for one year, subject to the order of the Bishop.

Sec. 7. The presiding officer shall act as inspector of elections and certify who are elected Members of the Vestry.

Sec. 8. An appeal from the certified result of the election may be made to the Bishop, who shall recanvass the vote and ascertain and declare the result of the election. The Bishop's decision shall be final.

Sec. 9. Special Parish meetings may be called at any time by the Rector or the Vestry. Notice of any special meeting shall be given in the same manner as the notice of the Annual Meeting and the notice shall set forth the business which is proposed, and no other business than that specified in the notice shall be in order.

ADMINISTRATION

Sunday, January 23, 2011 - Good Samaritan Annual Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Good Samaritan Foundation began at 11:32 a.m. We were led in prayer by the rector, Simon Justice+.

John Shea, president of the foundation board gave a report. The report included a brief history of the foundation which was founded in 1990.

The members of the board for 2010 were John Shea, president; Beverley Beckley, secretary; Lyle Jack, vice-president; Diana Logsdon, corresponding secretary; Robin Powel, treasurer, Joyce Skogen and Wendy Francis.

John referred to the report of the Foundation on page 18 of the Annual Report. There have been changes to the accounting system. Earnings of foundation funds will be transferred to the church for disbursement through designated restricted accounts, honoring any restrictions made by the donor as well as foundation by-laws. He also spoke about endowed and un-endowed funds and how these will be handled. The idea has been brought up that the Foundation handle the investments of the church.

Questions were asked about the checks and balances for funds spent by the church. The church has committed to providing a quarterly report for the spending of those restricted accounts. The delay between spending and reporting might lead to finding money misappropriated and it might be too late to recover the money. There has been no example of this actually happening and the expectation is that there will be a common working together to determine the use of the funds. Finance committee representation from the foundation is still something that can happen this year.

Susan Parks, Vestry Representative to the Foundation, accepted a check on behalf of the church from the foundation for \$2835.37. The check represented 1% of the 3 year average value of foundation funds. Susan spoke about the work that ministry areas would be able to do with these funds based on the new policy.

Sharon Kavanagh and Judith Hayes were elected unanimously to fill the positions of Beverley Beckley and Joyce Skogen whose terms have expired.

Father Simon thanked John for all his hard work.
The Foundation meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:55am.

Laura Bunsen was proposed as clerk of the meeting. Richard Halter seconded the proposal and it passed unanimously. Laura also offered to serve as the Clerk of the Vestry. Tom Nelson was nominated as parliamentarian: passed unanimously. Fr. Simon nominated Richard Halter as a teller. Bob Nicholson was appointed the second teller and Bob Bernhard, the third.

The minutes were approved as corrected: on page 3, "2008" should be changed to "2009".

Outgoing members of the Vestry were thanked for their services and given Celtic crosses. These were Gail Wells, Brian Gifford, Bob Bernhard and Paul Vecchi.

Gail Wells presented the slate of nominees for the Vestry prepared by the nominating committee. Nominated for the four positions were: Cris Rodriguez, Ann Rosser, Jean Marie Walker, and Dennis Pitts. There were no nominations from the floor. Tom Nelson moved that the slate be accepted unanimously. George Constantine seconded and it was passed.

Nominees for the Diocesan Convention delegates were presented. There were no nominees from the floor. Cammie Bella, Steve Blevans, Joan Dunlap and Edie Orner were elected by acclamation.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who wanted to receive information from the church via e-mail. Facebook is also available to access information.

Operation reports

Note: The major contents of the Operations and Ministry reports are contained in the 2010 Annual Report. Please see that document for full details.

Finance Committee presented information about the budget. The budget is a deficit budget. Costs have been rising and pledges are down. Last year's budget ended in a surplus because there were unplanned reductions in costs.

Ann Rosser pointed out there is a looming problem with pledges for 2011 and she said that the deficit will be greater this year. The budget has a planned deficit of \$22,000. Gail Wells invited members present to comment. Paul Vecchi asked for a figure of how deep the deficit might be. The response was close to \$50,000. John Shea said that health insurance costs were extremely high.

There was discussion regarding health insurance and the need to have parity between clergy and lay employees by January 2012 as voted by the Diocesan Convention.

Cynthia Rodriguez suggested that a fund raiser be held that invited the public to participate.

Fr. Simon asked for a straw vote about how to meet the needs of basic operations: The choices offered were 1. cut staff, 2. give more, 3. use investment funds. The vote favored #2 and 3. Other suggestions included more belt-tightening where possible. It was pointed out that the savings from last year were due, in part, to the part time choir director. Gail Wells spoke about the pledge being a spiritual gift.

A question was raised about 3% raises for the rector, assistant and facilities manager. The Finance Committee said that they were necessary as did the Vestry. The raises amount to a little more than \$4000. A comment was made that retired persons on Social Security and military persons (retired and active duty) did not get raises last year or this year.

Building and Grounds was given an enthusiastic GOOD JOB by Dave Francis. The tree in the center courtyard is dying and John Potter solicited suggestions as to a replacement and also asked for younger volunteers for the B and G Committee.

Kathy O'Reilly and Cindy Fisher spoke for the Christian Education Committee and asked for volunteers to help with the Sunday School. They also need people to step forward to do the "fun things" so the committee can concentrate on education. Rosemary Magee suggested putting educational needs in the newsletter and Linda Gelbrich asked for more specificity on what is needed. Others rose to speak to the need to rally to the needs of Christian Education.

Father Simon presented to Jane Edson a gift of a mosaic of the Tree of Life in appreciation for her faithful service in developing and continuing the successful Good Samaritan pre-school and elementary school. A standing ovation followed.

Pastoral Care Committee reported that the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center has a program offering Clinical Pastoral Education for clergy and laity interested in professional pastoral care. The first class graduated recently.

The Pastoral Counseling Center was nominated for Non-Profit Organization of the year by the Celebrate Corvallis committee.

Paul Vecchi of Outreach reported that the monies raised for the wells for ERD, when matched, amounted to over \$12,000. Other fund-raising events were also successful.

Doug Seehafer spoke about the work of EGGS and the importance of solar panels.

Dave Francis, Newsletter Editor, talked about how much electronic delivery of the newsletter saves the church. He also asked every vestry member to provide information about their ministry areas for the newsletter.

Beryl Smith suggested that we publish an updated picture directory.

Richard Halter, Jr. has installed a new network and was recognized for his work. We now have Wi-Fi throughout the church buildings.

Father Simon thanked the ECW for their dedicated and hard work for the church. They have a program of luncheons and presentations, and a memorial reception committee that contributes to the life of the parish. This past year the ECW hosted the Diocesan ECW Spirituality Day which received many compliments from all over the Diocese.

Gina Halter recognized Robert Lovelady for gleaning goodies from Fred Meyer for the coffee hours.

Ann Rosser asked if we could have a 4th Sunday Jazz Vespers. Maria said that we will have a jazz band at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Dawn Jones, Cindy Fisher and Laura Bunsen were recognized for leading the music at the Contemporary service.

Thanks were given to DeeDee Larew who is doing an outstanding job as our Facilities Manager and to Laura Pfeifer for her work as Office Manager. Those who volunteer in the office were also thanked.

Fr. Simon commented on his trip to Israel. He will be leading a group "In the Footsteps of Paul" this summer. He gave commendations to the vestry and the School board for the work they both have done this year. The elections for the school board will be occurring at the same time as other elections going forward. He said that he will be working on restarting the Adult Forum and beginning small groups that will meet in parishioners' homes.

Gail Wells said that Steve Amsberry has been appointed to fill in for Theresa Valentine's position on the Vestry as she has resigned.

Bob Bernhard invited people to help with the Valentines Day flower delivery, a fund raiser for the church.

Bob Ringo had approached the Vestry to raise money for a room at the hospital. We have raised \$20,000 towards the \$40,000 total to which we are committed. We have three more years to meet our goal.

Patty Nordyke asked why the low altar has reappeared. Simon+ said that it had to do with the importance of the Eucharist as defined in the Book of Common Prayer (1979). It also centers Jesus among the people. In addition it accommodates people with disabilities so they can receive with the rest of the congregation. Patty mentioned that the small table makes it very difficult to reach the rail. Simon+ thanked her for her observations.

The National Church is considering the need for a new hymnal. Thanks to all who filled out the surveys.

Sarah Smiecinski and Tim Pregill were the recipients of the Ruell Walter Awards. They have helped to lead the Youth Group at Good Samaritan. Fr. Lance spoke about how they have been accepted by the youth and have contributed much to the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Laura S. Bunsen, Clerk

STATE OF THE PARISH

Rector's Warden

I would like to thank Father Simon, People's Warden John Wells, the Vestry and Congregation of this Parish for the privilege of acting as your Rector's Warden in 2011. There are few things in my life that have turned out to be as rewarding and blessed. As we move into 2012, I can look back on a year and see a church where a spirit of community and fellowship has increased, and the breadth and depth of ministry within the church and extending from Good Sam outward into the community and the world is greater than it was at the start of the year.

Fiscally, our house is in order. Our pledges make possible tens of thousands of hours annually of lay ministry. The congregation has risen to the challenge of fiscal responsibility and the Vestry and the church ministries and operations have been able to keep expenditures down. The church and Foundation endowments have grown, and there is a group of lay and clergy leaders working with Rev Peter Fritsch to plan for the long-term financial future of the church. Audits of the parish financials are up-to-date as well.

In this year of our 50th anniversary at 333 NW 35th, there are many moments and events that stand out. The first and foremost was Presiding Bishop Katharine as celebrant on a warm August day when our lounge was dedicated in her name. That day started off a series of anniversary celebrations and events that will culminate in the dedication of a time capsule on Easter Day of this year, so that church members 50 years from now will get a chance to look back on our lives together at the start of this second decade of the 21st Century.

There was a serious and thorough discernment on the potential purchase of the Walter property, which had come up for sale adjacent to our current property. While it was determined that the required modifications and needed repairs to the structure and property made the acquisition unrealistic, there was a cooperative effort between the Vestry, the Foundation and the School in working on this project that will bear continued rewards as the parish looks to future capital improvements.

The Church had major improvements to the Simpson Hall Kitchen thanks to the ECW, and Sacred Spaces helped coordinate the redecorating of the main hallway and the Bishop Katharine Lounge. The grand piano in Simpson Hall is in the process of being renovated, and Good Sam won a Diocesan environmental award with the installation of a solar panel array that will not only produce clean energy, but return a substantial sum to the church coffers over the next 24 years.

I hope you all spend some time with this Annual Report; there is much to appreciate here. In closing, take care of each other, love and pray for each other. This is a church that is made up of a special group of people that I am proud to serve.

Blessings, Richard Halter, Senior Warden

PROPERTY

Junior Warden

I have had the privilege of serving as your Junior (People's) Warden this past year as I end my tour of duty on the Vestry. We in our congregation are greatly blessed to have such excellent religious leaders. Meeting and working with these fine men and women has deepened my experience and added a new dimension to my faith. We have a very positive and forward looking group of church leaders and I encourage everyone to be involved. The Vestry, the Foundation, and Good Samaritan School are led by excellent, well minded, positive people and it is a privilege to work with them.

Sometimes I hear people are saddened by what seems to be constant conversations about money. Yet we must pay close attention to the funding in order to meet the secular needs. We do this while remembering it is a service we offer God and in honor of Jesus. It is how we keep the wonderful facility open to all who seek to be in God's presence. This facility is now fifty years old and it is beginning to be in need of some costly repairs. I have no doubt that God will provide what is needed even as I know we have to know what is needed and what it will cost to maintain. The Buildings and Grounds committee, the Sacred Spaces committee, and the ECW, and others have all added significantly to, not just maintain, but improve, our worship space.

That space is full, often, and used by many in our community for which we ought to all be grateful. I very much regret a misunderstanding that resulted in Edie Orner's discussion group on the cost of medical care being moved to another location. That was my fault in not properly communicating the building use requirements and I

again apologize to her. The greater point being we are paying to provide a great service to our community in the name of our Lord.

This next section was provided by Richard Christensen. Buildings and Grounds continued to provide day to day maintenance and upkeep of the church buildings and grounds in coordination with the Facilities Manager, the ECW, Sacred Spaces and the church school.

Seasonal tasks included plant care (weeding, watering and pruning), lawn care (now provided by Mark Bunsen as part of his church giving), fallen branch clean up and leaf pickup, and spreading of bark dust. We installed gutter guards on most of the gutters to keep leaves clear and rain water flowing.

Building maintenance including exterior minor repairs, cleaning and paint touchup. We added handicap access signs and repainted handicap parking places. Inside the building we made repairs to several door locks, doors and door frames and continued the constant adjustment of automatic door closers. Pews and kneelers frequently tightened up and the old table behind the altar was refinished. Roof repairs were contracted out as were repair of the sacristy ceiling after a water problem, automatic limited access door openers and new windows in some doors. Emergency exit signs were improved and the sound system in the main church redone (these by Jim Wohlwend).

We meet once a month and have a work day on Saturday following the meeting. Obviously the work being done requires a lot more effort and individual voluntary hours put in far exceeds once a month. Our biggest need right now is to get some new members particularly younger than our current average age of 75+.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve in this manner. I look forward to singing in our choir, worshiping with you all, and what ever comes next.

Respectfully, John Wells

EDUCATION

Adult Library

The parish library for adults continues to make available books and a limited number of periodicals for checkout by parishioners. We use the honor system and the process is simple: for books - fill out the card in the back of the book with the following information: date taken, including the YEAR, name and phone number. We ask that books not be taken from the library without following this procedure and that books be returned within a month of check-out. To check out a periodical, fill in the same information on the check-out sheet in the basket on the stand just inside the library door. Return books and periodicals to this same basket, and they will be checked in by library staff (me).

If you have requests or suggestions for purchase, wish to donate a book as a memorial, or have books from your personal collections you wish to donate, please contact me so that proper acknowledgement can be given. PLEASE do not just leave books or other materials in the library without some kind of contact or at least a note, as then I am not sure how to proceed.

Books are organized in the library by several broad subject categories including the following: Bible Study, both Old and New Testament; Church History; Christian Life; Theology; Jesus; a category which once was called "Pastoral Care" but now contains books to assist all individuals in providing support and assistance to fellow parishioners - we all engage in Pastoral Care - books providing assistance in "self-Help" and Grief counseling; Prayer and Meditation; Social Issues; Comparative Religions; Art, Music, and Poetry; Saints and Special Seasons; as well as a small collection of Fiction.. Within these categories, books are shelved by author's last name. Unfortunately the Card Catalog is not a good guide to our collection; it has not been updated for many years as the hope to convert to a computerized system waxes and wanes.

In the meantime, our library is a good place to spend a few minutes or longer browsing and sampling of a few of the items in our collection. Please avail yourself of this opportunity.

The project of moving archival material to a different location has not been accomplished for several reasons. I hope it will happen this year. We are doing some culling as time and opportunity permit; Karen Stevens has been helping in this process. When books are removed from our collection due to age, condition, or lack of circulation, they are first offered to parishioners by being placed on our library cart and/or the table in the hall outside the library, and labeled as "FREE" and advertised in the church newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin. After an appropriate time, they will be taken on the rounds of the used book stores in Corvallis and

Albany with any proceeds returned to the Library Fund to buy new books; the last resort is to donate them to Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other appropriate recycling organizations.

If you have suggestions about the handling of materials in the library or are willing to offer your assistance, please contact me.

Edie Orner - Librarian

Sunday School

“Inviting the children of God to become joyful learners” has been our working motto for Sunday School the past couple of years. We have gone through quite a number of changes to our committee members as well as the structure of Sunday School. Each change has been in response to much prayer and consideration about where the spirit is leading this program and in response to feedback given by our families. We have adopted a “rotational schedule” meant to be adult volunteer friendly. We have worked with the school to share classroom space and materials. We have provided different social opportunities and gatherings for families – family dinners and outings, special events during the church year and a parent gathering room on the education wing. We have increased the number of resources available to families during church services (children’s and youth Bibles, activities, books, ‘Sunday Newspaper’, etc.). Our enrollment numbers for our primary grade classes was 23 and attendance averaged approximately 11. The High School Class is again being led by Craig Massey and is well attended by our high school participants with approximately 5-6 on a Sunday. Our Middle School class has been led by Cris Rodriguez, Shannon Jones and Ben Herman and attendance varied depending on how easy it was to round up our middle schoolers. Thank you to each one. Also thank you to all who have volunteered to teach our primary classes and those who just show up to help. It takes approximately 15 adults to make Sunday School happen for all our youth from providing snack, to preparing materials, the bulletin boards, teaching, shepherding storytelling, etc. Thank you to all who have participated in some meaningful way to this important ministry. Sunday School is a primary expression of the promise we make at Baptism to support our children and youth in their walk with Christ.

I and the Sunday School Committee continue to try to improve our program by evaluating the changes that have been made and seeking faithfully to listen to the Spirit’s nudging for changes that will need to be made in the future. We have a good program but I don’t think anyone is satisfied with merely a ‘good’ program. As much as we at Good Samaritan Church value our children and youth I think that we want an excellent program. I think we have been blessed with the necessary financial resources. The areas that we have identified as areas for growth are more in the area of our human resources – specifically our teachers and families. We are looking for ways to build a greater sense of community in our Sunday School Families. We are also looking at how we can build-up our cadre of confident and inspiring group of teachers. The Sunday School Committee will continue to look at the structure of Sunday School and evaluate how it meets the needs of our families and students and how we can provide this given how we have been blessed with resources we have.

Faithfully submitted by Fr. Lance Peeler

Youth Ministry

Youth Group continues to meet regularly on Sundays from 4-6pm. We have a mixed group of Middle and High School age youth and each Sunday attendance averages about 10 youth. 2011 was a very exciting year and very full! Our primary focus in 2011 was working toward our first mission trip in several years. Accomplishing this goal required the efforts of our whole youth group, their families and the support of the whole parish. All fundraising was accomplished through a variety of service projects as well as direct request to the community. We cleared yards, cleaned stalls, fed people, provided parking opportunities for OSU Football games, helped set up for events, cleaned up after events, and washed cars and dogs. I am so very proud of our whole group who showed up each time to lend a hand when needed; whether or not they were going on the trip. We had 9 youth and 2 adults travel to Yakima Washington and served the Native American population living their in a variety of ways – from painting houses to supporting a local children’s bible school. Each participant had the opportunity to interact with the Native American people’s culture and faith and to challenge their own internal culture and faith through this experience.

Another highlight of the year was hosting a Diocesan Weekend Youth Event this past fall. We hosted approximately 40 participants from around our diocese and fed them well thanks to many enthusiastic volunteers

– Patricia Wickman, Mary Christensen, Cindy Fisher, Paul Vecchi, Caryl Lyn Barry, Cynthia Rodriguez, Kathleen Westly, Anne Blegen...please excuse me if I have left anyone out. Feedback from this event was overwhelmingly positive and we will look for further opportunities to do this again.

A new venture this past year was for the Youth Group to participate in the Good Friday worship by offering a dramatic shadow play based on the Stations of the Cross. For the same reason that Sunday School offers a Christmas pageant each year, by participating in this worship service our Youth get to know the story of Christ's Passion in an significant and intimate way. As one of our male participants shared with me during one of rehearsals as he was portraying the experience of Jesus on the cross "Wow, holding on to this cross is really uncomfortable!" We hope to again participate with the Good Friday worship this year. I would like to express my heart felt gratitude to all our volunteers. We continue to be blessed by our volunteer youth leaders Tim Pregill and Sarah Smiecinski. A special thank you to Mary Christensen, Cindy Fisher and Caryl Lyn Barry who have each contributed significant time to our program over this past year in a variety of ways.

Faithfully Submitted by Fr. Lance Peeler

Good Samaritan School - September 2010 - August 2011

Good Samaritan School (GSS) kicked off its 18th year with the addition of 4th Grade, three new teachers and eleven teachers and support staff returning. Total enrollment for the first day of school was 93 students from 68 families. The theme for this school year was "From Every Family, Language, People, and Nation."

First Semester Highlights

To start the year, Preschoolers learned about families, fire prevention and school safety procedures. Kindergarten learned about our state of Oregon, apples and orchards, the responsibilities of being a friend, and new ways of having fun with math manipulatives. Grade 1/2 built farms to accompany their math unit, learned and presented information about their Corvallis community, and grew "grass heads" learned about math grafting also making "green houses." Grade 3/4 learned about leaf anatomy, began conversations in Spanish, and started expository writing activities. First "Back-to-School Bash" held September 24th. Jack Nickerson began "Shadowing" Jane Edson a few hours a day in October in preparation for taking over as Head of School in January 2011. In early November, GSS went through the final step for *re-accreditation with NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)*, which was received in December 2010 for a second five-year period. The month of October also saw many generous "Open Plate Designated Offering" made to financially assist the students and teachers of GSS. Part of Episcopal Schools Month. Initial parent/teacher conferences were also held to set academic and developmental goals for the year.

Other Activities/Events

- Evergreen Aviation Museum & Science Factory Trips – Grade School
- Thanksgiving & Harvest Feasts – Grade School Thanksgiving Play & Food Drive
- Coat/Blanket Drive & Food Drive
- Fire Safety – Visit from Corvallis Fire Department
- Saint Nicholas Day – Grade School; "Sweet Smells of Christmas" – Preschool
- Christmas Program – All School

Second Semester Highlights

Jack Nickerson took over Jane Edson as Head of School; January 3, 2011. School website was revised with the assistance of Bob Jarvis. All school information regarding programs, admissions/registration, tuition/fees, administration, calendar, religion, faculty, school support, school pictures, etc. were updated. All school forms and communications (newsletters/announcements) can be accessed through the website. Religion and Spanish classes reconvened. Grade 1/2 visited the Japanese Garden in Portland and Wee Tree Bonsai Farm in Philomath (culmination of cultural unit). Kindergarten through 4th Grade attended "Emperor Has No Cloths" play at LBCC. School wide Dr. Seuss Read-A-Thon was held the first week of March. Grade School classes toured the neighborhood of Beverly Cleary, author of the Ramona Quimby book series. Students in Kindergarten through 4th Grade lead "*Stations of the Cross*" as part of Holy Week observances for the fourth year for both school and parish families and the church parish families. The students rehearsed their collective and individual speaking and singing roles for many weeks and we are proud of their effort and performance. Spring Conferences were held for preschool parents in March and grade school parents in April, which focused on the progress of the children to

date and the development of final student plans for the remainder of the year. Placement recommendations for next year were also discussed. Grade School students completed their annual Stanford Aptitude Test the second week of May (Kindergarten students were tested for the first time). The test measured and documented GSS student academic progress against national benchmarks for the year. Results received in July 2011 showed the majority of our students exceed benchmark standards. Year ended with High Tea/Fashion Show Fundraiser, raising almost \$2000, and our Annual Family Picnic/Field Day at Martin Luther King Park.

Other Activities/Events

- OMSI & Philomath Museum Trips – Grades 1-4
- Preschool 3's Parent/Student Tea
- Preschool Philomath Pond Hike – Boy Scouts
- Annual All-School Spring Sing
- Kindergarten Oregon Coast Aquarium Trip

Statistical Highlight

- Final enrollment for the year: 99 students ages 2.9 through 10
- Eight Classes Taught; 3 Grade School (3 Teachers) – 6 Preschool (3 Teachers/3 TA's) plus music and physical education.
- Class Size ranges from seven in Grade 3/4 to 16 in preschool 4's
- Four children for Good Samaritan Church were enrolled at GSS during the year.
- Approximately \$13,000 in financial aid was provided.
- Year financials showed a net income of approximately \$ 3,000 reversing a mid-year
- January deficit of almost \$ 17,000 due to an increase in enrollment and “belt-tightening” with budgeted expense allocation. (See attached page).

Looking forward to another year of high academic achievement and improved financial stability coinciding with the continued growth of the grade school and expansion of our preschool programs to meet parent interest.

Sincerely, Jack Nickerson, Head of School, Good Samaritan School

2010-2011 GSS Year Ending Budget Review Report
September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011

Report Notes

Income

1. Enrollment grew during the year increase revenues (Tuition). Fewer fees were collected due to financial aid offerings.
2. Fundraising estimates were off 40%

Expenses

1. Cutting additional hours required and lower than estimated costs for FICA, Medicare, and Workman's Compensation reduced payroll cost.
2. Instructional Material and Supply cost were kept down to offset increases in Equipment, Repair, and Supply cost.

2010-2011 Financial Year End Report

ASSETS

As of 8/31/11

	2010-2011 Actual	2010-2011 Budgeted
GSS School Check	\$ 19,256.62	
INCOME		
Long Term Payroll Savings	\$ 4,244.98	
Tuition & Additional Programs	230,973.35	217,750.00
Memorial Account	\$ 3,684.64	
Registration & Fees	16,780.13	22,750.00
Money Market	\$ 10,773.71	
Fundraisers	3,991.18	10,000.00
Scholarship Money Market	\$ 1,000.00	
Other Income	908.76	12,200.00
Total	\$ 274.23	
EXPENSES		
Personnel - Payroll	233,604.29	237,200.00
Instructional Materials	4,222.08	5,850.00
Equipment & Repairs	4,696.66	2,875.00
Housing	8,293.00	8,300.00
Supplies	3,703.43	5,150.00
Other Expenses	6,122.40	3,800.00
Total		
Net	3,012.57	-475.00

Total Year End Assets

\$ 39,234.23

MINISTRY

Casserole Connection

During the past year, 2011, about 20 women in the parish prepared and delivered main dish casseroles (and sometimes salads, desserts, etc. were added) for over 35 individuals or families at Good Samaritan. We know there were others not in our records also, as well as calls where our support was not needed.

Besides our faithful cooks, 12 women make up our Casserole Connectors, one for each month of the year. The two groups make this ministry possible and most worthwhile. A big thank you to all of them!

Each month in the news letter and each week in the Sunday bulletin the name and phone number of the current Casserole Connector is listed. Please call her if you ever know of someone or a family who could use our service.

And if any of you cooks out there would like to join our group you would be most welcome. We keep careful records and you would only be called once or twice a year.

Bobbie Beck

Communications Committee

The Good Sam Communications Committee has been going for a little over a year. Members include of Steve Amsberry (Vestry rep), Bob Jarvis (website “master”), Richard Halter (media liaison & publicity), Karen Wohlwend (Facebook “poster”), Rosemary Magee (“at large” advisor), Dave Francis (newsletter and photographer), and myself. The website is up-dated consistently. We’re on Facebook and Dave has continued with his photography and newsletter excellence. We’ve had excellent coverage in the local news. We continue to update and keep current all of the bulletin boards. Please let any of us know if you have items to post or events to publicize. We’re happy to help.

Laura Pfeifer

Outreach and Social Justice

The Outreach and Social Justice Ministry Committee meets monthly, the usual time being 4 PM on the first Monday in the adult library. All parishioners are welcome to participate. Our mission is “to show Christ’s love by reaching out to help others in need. We promote volunteering and charitable giving at local, national and international levels. We honor those within the church who help others through individual giving or by volunteering their time”. Current members include Sandy Potter, Bob Bernhard, Jean Marie Walker, Wendy Francis, Elaine Hayden, Paul Vecchi, and Kathy Coleman.

2011 was a busy year highlighted by projects to raise money in support of the reconstruction of the Episcopal Cathedral in Haiti and other international work spearheaded by Episcopal Relief and Development. This has also been a special project of our own Episcopal Church Women. Well over \$ 5000 has been raised and sent. On the national scene and in response to the tragic consequences of tornadoes, our parish has sent \$ 500 to support the recovery efforts of Episcopalians in Alabama. Locally in Corvallis and Linn-Benton Counties, we have made special offerings designated to various charitable organizations such as Community Outreach, the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence, the Jackson Street Youth Shelter, the Corvallis Boys and Girls Club, our own Good Samaritan Episcopal School, etc. It was our special privilege also to host potluck dinners this year, including one to recognize our Youth Group for their work this past summer on a mission trip to a reservation in northern Washington.

Perhaps most heartwarming and satisfying is our efforts to provide direct support through volunteer efforts in our community. The committee initiates efforts to provide Christmas gifts and Easter baskets to Families in Transition, holiday gifts to less fortunate persons served by the Vina Moses Center, supervision of overnight shelters and the daytime drop-in centers for homeless men and women (a ministry of several Corvallis churches), support of We Care, the Pastoral Counseling Center and Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers. Many parishioners donate time and money to many community activities and we are grateful to all of them! There is

never a shortage of things to do in helping others, and we find that if we can help in some way, it is worth it! Please join the fun in answering the needs!

Bob Bernhard, Chair

Pastoral Care Committee

Our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, began this committee in April, 2000, as a ministry to those parishioners recently discharged from the hospital. Calling on behalf of the parish, team members offer casseroles, flowers from the altar, home communion, or a clergy visit. Connections are then made to provide these various services. All information given to or from the committee is held in confidence.

A warm and caring phone call is often the best offering! If you feel drawn to this loving ministry, please contact Pat Wohlwend at 754-0740 or 760-4133.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Wohlwend

Pastoral Counseling Center

Executive Director, Dr. Anthony Terndrup, will be with us February 12 at both services to tell us about the work of the Pastoral Counseling Center. The PCC is celebrating its 35th anniversary and will host the coffee hour that day as a way to show their appreciation for the support that the Church of the Good Samaritan has shown the Center through the years.

The services of the Center are available to those who can afford excellent health care as well as those who need financial help. For more information, join us at services and coffee hour on February 12.

Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

In 2011 Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers of Corvallis (VIC):

- Celebrated **Twenty-five Years** of service to elderly persons and younger persons with disabilities; Good Samaritan volunteers have been involved for that entire time.
- Added the **SASSI** (Safe and Secure Seniors Independent) program, providing home fire and safety inspections for seniors in Corvallis. Marshall Smith is the SASSI Coordinator.
- Gave **3,406** hours of help to special friends in 2011 (All 200 VIC volunteers). Office staff, coordinators and board members gave an additional **1,723** hours to maintain the functioning of VIC, bringing the grand total of volunteer hours to **5,129!**
- Provided **630** hours of office staffing and service to special friends (Good Samaritan's 23 volunteers). Wendy Francis coordinates service requests for our volunteers.
- Helped **59** special friends with ramps, railings, chair lifts and removal of ramps no longer needed. The Ramp Crew contributed **860** hours of service with these projects.

Corvallis and Philomath volunteers perform household chores ranging from light housekeeping to paying bills; furnish transportation to medical appointments and for shopping. This ministry also provides friendly visiting to enable our special friends to have social contacts on a regular basis. Beyond these local services, VIC has provided transportation for people needing medical appointments outside of Corvallis.

VIC is a totally volunteer ministry; there is no paid staff. Contributions from the member churches help pay the phone bills and print informational brochures, while other contributions and grants help purchase materials to do minor home repairs and build wheelchair ramps for those unable to pay the entire cost of building materials.

2011 Good Samaritan volunteers: Dale Barnecott, David Barnecott, Bobbie Beck, Bob Bernhard, Marcia Bianconi, June Carter, Wendy Francis, Ralph Gazeley, Judy Hays, Alice Jack, Mary Marsh King, Carl Lawrence, Linda Lawrence, Sherrie Nagy, Lou Nagy, Dee Pepper, John Potter, Sandra Potter, Claudia Raleigh, Doug Seehafer, Marshall Smith, Gail Stein, Karen Stevens. SASSI volunteers: Mary Jo Bade, Vince Bade, Ian Mann, Nancy Mann, Kathleen Nickerson.

Sandra Potter, representing Good Samaritan; president of VIC Board of Directors in 2011.

WE CARE

WE CARE is the outreach program of the Corvallis-Benton County Religious Organizations, which provides one-time assistance to residents in urgent situations, most often for housing and utilities. Families with children are given special consideration.

Next year marks the Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of WE CARE and Good Samaritan has been there since the beginning, providing ongoing financial support in conjunction with 19 other faith groups, 10 businesses & foundations, and many individuals. Good Samaritan's 2011 contributions of \$2,000 are part of outreach provided by Christmas and Easter offerings. WE CARE, and the people funded with these donations, are deeply grateful for the continued commitment of Church of the Good Samaritan to this cause.

The five member board, from faith groups, meets weekly to consider requests from individuals or families screened by Community Services Consortium (CSC). The partnership with CSC discourages duplication, waste and fraud and ensures that funds are applied to the most urgent situations. Annual and quarterly contributions are divided into monthly portions to be more equitable to all requests.

In 2011, **359** cases were brought to the WE CARE board, and **68%** were funded. Of those cases funded, 52% were families with children. Of the cases denied help, **35%** were due to lack of WE CARE funds. With the ever-increasing cost of housing and fuel and the deteriorating economic situation, more requests for help have been made to WE CARE.

The endowment fund, established with Benton County Foundation in 2008, has increased to \$111,961 as of 9/1/11, helping to assure income for years to come.

As of December 31, 2011:

Income: For current help = \$60,343.

Expenditures: To those in need = \$62,678

Cases funded: Housing help (rent, deposits) = **59%**; Utilities payments = **32%**;
Transportation related expenses, medical, and miscellaneous needs = **8%**

Sandra Potter, Good Samaritan representative to WE CARE

PARISH LIFE

Buildings and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds continued to provide day to day maintenance and upkeep of the church buildings and grounds in coordination with the Junior Warden, Facilities Manager, the ECW, Sacred Spaces and the church school.

Seasonal tasks include plant care (weeding, watering and pruning), lawn care (now provided by Mark Bunsen as part of his church giving), fallen branch clean up and leaf pickup, and spreading of bark dust. We installed gutter guards on most of the gutters to keep leaves clear and rain water flowing.

Building maintenance including exterior minor repairs, cleaning and paint touchup. We added handicap access signs and repainted handicap parking places. Inside the building we made repairs to several door locks, doors and door frames and continued the constant adjustment of automatic door closers. Pews and kneelers were frequently tightened up and the old table behind the altar was refinished. Roof repairs were contracted out as were repair of the sacristy ceiling after water problem, automatic limited access door openers and new windows in some doors. Emergency exit signs were improved and the sound system in the main church redone (these by Jim Wohlwend). Replumbing and/or replacement of sink faucet assemblies in the sacristy and lounge kitchen, door and lock repairs and modifications in the Ed wing, and significant reattachment of the communion rails to the floor in the main church and the chapel.

We meet once a month and have a work day on Saturday following the meeting. Obviously the work being done requires a lot more effort and individual voluntary hours put in far exceeds once a month.

Our biggest need right now is probably to get some new members particularly younger than our current average age of 75+.

Dick Christensen

Courtyard Maple Tree

After years of study, thought and consultation with professionals, the Building & Grounds Committee, our vestry and clergy, and most of our church family agree that we have talked long enough and it is time to say farewell to the courtyard maple. The tree is in irreversible decline, and with few remaining branches, it no longer provides shade. Safety is an issue due to the potential for damage or injury due to falling limbs or uprooting of the entire tree. A six foot long section of the trunk will be kept and seasoned for fashioning into crosses or other appropriate remembrances.

John Potter

EGGS – Environmental Group of Good Samaritan

The major environmental event at Good Samaritan Church during 2011 was the installation of solar panels on the south-facing roof of the education wing. The work on our 10 kilowatt system was accomplished early in the year, allowing us to take full advantage of the entire “sunny season.” At the time of this writing, late December, the system had generated 10.3 Megawatt hours. That is enough electricity to power 340 typical single-family homes for one day. Our solar generation also represents a carbon offset of 7.10 tons, or the equivalent of the effect of 182 trees

We are paid 55 cents for each kilowatt hour that we produce and put on to the electrical grid. Since the system cost us roughly \$50,000, it is clear that our installation is both an environmental success and a financial success for the parish. You can monitor the progress of our solar system either by checking out the meter located next to the door on the south side of the education wing, or by checking out the church’s website, which provides both current and historical data on our electrical output. As you probably know, we have been recognized by the Diocesan Environmental Commission for our efforts, and have been contacted by others for advice on installing solar.

Bill Gazeley deserves major credit for the successful completion of the solar power project. He sold us on the project and saw it through to completion, patiently overcoming all the obstacles. Steve Blevans, Harry Burrige, Judy Burrige, Brian Gifford, Judy Hays and Jim Wohlwend all played a part in supporting and encouraging the project. Finally thanks to the Vestry, who approved the project and provided the funding. Above all, thanks to “Brother Sun.”

If you would like to receive the most current information on activities related to “Creation Care,” send your e-mail address to Bill Becker, at bwjfbecker@hotmail.com. This information includes everything from local celebrations and nature hikes to petitions and letter-writing campaigns to Congress.

Bill Becker

2011 Treasurer’s Annual Report

SUMMARY through December 2011

	December	December	2011	2011	Annual
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Budget
Income					
Pledge Receipts	30879	28750	350333	348000	348000
All other DPA income	8919	4700	42176	36400	36400
Non-DPA income	1531	1024	10736	12293	12293
Total Income	41328	34474	403244	396693	396693
Expenses					

Cash and Diocese Expenses	5023	5023	60276	60278	60278
Personnel	24158	23755	257713	261879	261879
Administration - Operations	4550	4195	55962	60984	60984
Property	1209	1767	15673	21200	21200
Vestry Ministries	3723	1192	18368	14300	14300
Other Expenses	22	25	288	300	300
Total Expenses	38684	35956	408279	418941	418941
Net	2643	-1481	-5036	-22248	-22248

Narrative for 2011

1. Income:
 - a) Total income for 2011 was approximately \$6,500 above budget – pledges, plate and envelope offerings, regular givers and special giving were all above budget.
 - b) Other income categories were at or near budget.
2. Expenses:
 - a) Total expenses for 2011 were \$10,662 below budget.
 - b) Cash and Diocese Expenses: The Diocese Program Expense (DPA) is known at the beginning of the year – based on income over two previous years.
 - c) Personnel: \$4,167 below budget – minor budgeting differences and less for nursery staff.
 - d) Administration – Operations: \$5000 below budget – general cost savings plus very good budgeting for utility expenses.
 - e) Property: \$5,500 below budget – less maintenance expense plus capital improvements funded by reserve and savings accounts.
 - f) Vestry Ministries: \$4000 above budget – musicians for Easter and Christmas services.
3. Capital improvements (not included in the financial report): \$7350 for general repairs and improvements and \$5000 towards the new kitchen cabinets.
4. Outreach donations: A total of \$13,429 of which \$6400 was contributed from the operating budget.
5. Solar Panel income for the 4th quarter was \$1753.34. The solar panels became operational in April 2011. Our total income since then has been \$5598.81. The 12-month income was estimated to be \$6253 – looking good.
6. Bottom line: Thankfully, we ended the year with a deficit of \$5036, significantly less than the budgeted deficit of \$22,248. Why? Our income was 1.7% above budget and our expenses were \$2.5% below budget – Congratulations to parishioners for exceeding our expectations and to the Finance committee for doing such a great job of budgeting.

Please direct questions to John Shea, Treasurer, John.Shea54@gmail.com, 541 754-6832.

Labyrinth Guild

We continued to host our monthly walks on the last Tuesday of each month from 3:30pm – 7:30pm in Simpson Hall. We average 7 to 12 walkers per month.

The labyrinth was also made available for New Year's Eve, Good Friday, the Lenten Quiet Day, and for Fall Festival (squash & pumpkin labyrinth installed with help by the youth group). It was also provided during a funeral per a parishioner request and over 39 walked.

Good Samaritan School once again provided flowers for the May walk and participated in several rainy day walks on the Butterfly and Listening Ear Labyrinths. There were also several Labyrinth art projects thanks to Be Herrera.

The Labyrinth was taken to several places this year, including Monday through Maundy Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Thanks to Father Lance, the Butterfly and Listening Ear Labyrinths were available at Good Samaritan Hospital during Lent.

We continue to be part of the Northwest Labyrinth Network (NWLN). I encourage one and all to check out the website - <http://www.labyrinthnetworknorthwest.org/>. We are listed on their calendar of events and it is a

great source of information. We also continued to be part of the NWLN team that provided labyrinth walks at the Oak Creek Correctional Facility in Albany.

Be Herrera and Nancy Roberts attended a conference at Trinity Cathedral in Portland. They shared our labyrinths and handouts with others. Thanks to them we were represented.

We again extend our thanks to the support of all the Friends of our Labyrinth, without whom we would not be able to continue to offer this ministry.

We are seeking a publications coordinator to distribute quarterly flyers, make sure that our walks are listed in the Gazette Times and on key bulletin boards. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Gina Halter 541-908-2874 or stilldennie@comcast.net, subject: friends of the labyrinth.

This is by no means everything we accomplished this year nor am I attempting to list all the individuals who made it happen, but thank you one and all, from walkers to those who told someone about our ministry.

Gina M Halter

Men's Fellowship & Breakfast Group

Begun by former rector Fr. Robert Hardman, Bruce Black and others, this group continues its ministry to the men of this congregation. We meet twice monthly for a meal and directed discussion and also provide service to the greater parish. Mardi Gras pancake cooking, painting and Harvest Festival support are among recent projects. Besides the camaraderie during breakfast, we have also freely shared our thoughts on subjects ranging from church art, global economics, the US constitution, the Hymnal, Christian Science, poetry and environmental ethics.

Breakfast prep and discussion leadership are done on a voluntary basis from within the group. All men 18 years and older are cordially invited to attend on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday monthly at 7 AM in the church lounge.

Lou Nagy

News from The Newsletter

During the past year, 2011, we have produced eleven issues of the Good Samaritan Newsletter, with the October issue in full color celebrating our 50th anniversary at this location. The colour printing of this issue was funded from the Frank Gessford memorial, and in memory of Frank a longtime member of the newsletter mailing group. Each issue is either mailed or e-mailed to everyone on the Church mailing list, so I hope you have been receiving yours by which ever way you have chosen. If however you are not receiving a copy please contact our office manager, Laura Pfeifer, and leave your name, address, and method of delivery, mail or email, and if the latter provide your email address. Do not forget if you change your email address during the year, as many of us do, this also needs to be reported to Laura.

I hope you find the information in the newsletter timely and of interest relative to Good Samaritan's, committees, organizations, activities and happenings. If there is something you are interested in that is happening in or around the church that needs to be explained, described or announced, I suggest that you contact the appropriate person, committee member, organization leader or vestry person to provide the information that can then be published for general distribution to you, the church member, in the newsletter. Newsletter articles should be sent via email to newslettergs@goodsamchurch-episcopal.org, the deadline for articles is normally the third Wednesday of each month.

I would like to thank all of you who have produced articles for the newsletters during the past year. Without your input there is no newsletter. I would also like to thank the reproduction and mailing crew headed by Dawn and Tony Denyer, and helpers Pam Mayfield, Wilda Anderson, Inez Peck, Dee Pepper and Carolyn and Bob Nicholson who have performed an ever-faithful job getting the monthly issues to our readers. Thank you all.

Respectfully, David A. Francis – Newsletter Editor

Sacred Spaces

During this second year of the Sacred Spaces Committee, the office hallway was repainted and the Katharine Jefferts Schori Lounge was dedicated during our Presiding Bishop's visit. Our committee also worked with ECW to find homes for some unused artwork via the annual consignment sale.

An exciting new project of this committee is the Lobby Gallery, featuring our very own parish artists. Artists are encouraged to sign up for a one-month exhibit slot. We have already had the privilege of viewing the work of two of our parishioners.

Upcoming projects for 2012 include the repainting of the hallway from the Chapel to the kitchen and installation of track lighting for the Lobby Gallery.

Regretfully, Cammie Bella resigned from this committee to focus on her work with the Spiritual Nurture Committee.

Committee Members: Kristi Amsberry, Beverley Beckley, Harry Burrige, Mary Christensen, Gwen Stevenson, Tom Stevenson, Dee Yarnell.

Kristi Amsberry

Spiritual Nurture

Mission Statement: To nurture and empower the people of God on their spiritual journeys.

After a hiatus in 2010, the SNC reformed in January, 2011, with the following members: Cammie Bella, Bill Becker, Steve Blevans, Dave Chaney, Gina & Richard Halter, Simon Justice, Edie Orner, Desiree Senechal, Karen Stevens, and Maggie Underwood. Rebecca Walker and Jane Barr joined us this fall.

We selected a theme for the year, "Grace-filled Listening" and intend our offerings will express this theme in various forms. We began the practice of "Grace-filled Listening" as the format for our own meetings by pausing intentionally during our planning and deliberations, to listen for God's guidance.

We sponsored a Lenten Prayer & Quiet Day which was well-attended. We also helped facilitate the Wednesday Evening Lenten Potluck & classes series. Dave Bella led a discussion on March 20th, following the Evening Compline service, on the Japanese Nuclear Disaster. This was well-attended by parishioners and the community.

Small faith-sharing groups are forming and we have resources available if anyone would like to start a group.

This fall our meetings continued to be filled with enthusiasm and creative ideas. We sponsored a program through the Life Compass Education Series by the Rev. Peter Fritsch on "Afterlife: Perspectives from a Variety of Christian Traditions", on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, with a "Meet the Speaker" gathering the evening before at Cammie & Dave Bella's home. As of Nov. 30, about 24 folks pre-registered.

Edie Orner will facilitate a session in early 2012 with the DVD "Little Town of Bethlehem" which is a documentary featuring the cooperative efforts of three faith traditions (Judaism, Islam, and Christianity) working toward peace in the Middle East. In January 2012, Cammie Bella will teach a once-a-week, 4 week class on "Be Happy", focusing on intentional choices we can make to increase our happiness level.

Currently in the works are ideas for the Wednesday evening Lenten offerings as well as another Lenten Quiet and Prayer Day the first weekend in March. Bible studies, book studies, "telling our spiritual stories", and possibly a "spiritual film series" are "in the cooker". . .

Cammie Bella

Technology Committee

2011 activities built on the major changes in technology accomplished in 2010. In 2011 Good Samaritan moved its telephone and computer services to Comcast for a savings of over \$100/month. Donations from the congregation permitted us to upgrade the office computer system. The church networks were also improved and a network was added for the congregation's use (password available from Laura Pfeifer). The church accounting system is automatically kept up-to-date thanks to our agreement with ACS, which is now using cloud storage. EGGs ensured the installation of our solar panels in March, which are, as predicted, paying their way. Finally, a big thank-you to network administrator Richard C. Halter for making sure we function well.

Mary Frances Campana

Vestry

With the leadership of Cammie Bella, the Spiritual Nurture Committee has encouraged small faith-sharing groups, helped plan the Lenten Study Groups, hosted a Gospel sing along potluck, and sponsored an

Advent event with Fr. Peter Fritsch. Cammie's Art of Happiness seminar began the first week in January and was very well attended, drawing in a number of people from outside our parish.

Stephen Blevans, Vestry Representative for Spiritual Nurture

WORSHIP

Acolytes

We continue to try and improve acolyte training and enhance the “smoothness” with which the acolytes perform. Two acolyte trainings were held, one in the spring and one this past fall. We welcomed new acolytes each time. Owen Preece, Hannah Thomas, Holden Garner and Carrson Jones have joined the ranks of acolytes this year. Sarah Massie, Owen Preece and Grace Barry have graduated to Server I’s.

Since Andrew Stewart and Steven Philpott graduated, we now only have two Thurifers; Courtney Fisher and Piper Gazeley. A new crop of thurifers will be trained shortly.

To reduce accidental wax spills from the torches, a pair of glass torch caps was purchased. These short chimneys also prevent drafts from blowing out the torches.

The 8:00 am service now has a total of three acolytes that alternate serving.

Last spring, a plaque dedicated to the Glory of God and in thankfulness for the service of acolytes, was dedicated in Simpson Hall. Acolytes that have served more than eight years are eligible to have their names engraved. The first three names engraved include Kevin Fisher, David Barnecott, for his more than 30 years of service, and Jan Hedberg, who was Acolyte Master for many years. More names will be added this year. Jerusalem crosses from the Holy Land were given to acolytes serving five or more years.

Some new tasks for the upcoming year include training new acolytes and thurifers, revamping acolyte tasks to make them easier and to be able to include more children, replacing damaged robes and consideration for the purchase of a small processional cross.

Cynthia Dean Rodriguez

Altar Flowers

This Ministry fulfills two functions: 1. We provide flowers for our high altar each Sunday and in the chapel on special occasions; and 2. We remove the flowers the next day, make them into home-sized bouquets, and deliver them to parishioners in the hospital, care facilities, or home. I work with our florist, Expressions In Bloom, or individuals to beautify our altars; and Mary Moursund makes the bouquets and works with the delivery crew: Dale Barnecott, Joan Dunlap, Lou Nagy, and Pat Wohlwend.

Anyone may sign up to give flowers. Sign on the yearly chart located on the bulletin board outside the office. Choose a Sunday, fill out a request form hanging by the chart, and give the form and your donation to Laura, our Office Manager. Our weekly cost for flowers is \$60, but a donation in any amount is acceptable. Our fund is NOT a part of the church budget. The added donations for Christmas poinsettias & Easter lilies give us gifts to God for the whole year.

This is a most rewarding activity. Recipients of the bouquets feel blessed to have flowers from the altar...to be remembered by their church, and, especially to meet someone who cares. If you would like to deliver flowers once each month or occasionally, please join us.

Respectfully submitted, Beryl Smith

Altar Guild

Our Altar Guild supports the worship of our parish family by preparing for all Eucharistic services on Sundays and weekdays, as well as for other services, such as evensongs, weddings, or memorials. We maintain the altar linens, the silver, and the Eucharistic vestments and appointments. We order all wine, hosts, and candles for our parish’s use.

Our community time, working and meeting together, is very important to us. Each summer finds us enjoying good food and great company at our salad potluck. Throughout the year we enjoy and appreciate Fr. Simon's support and counsel, and especially his loving presence.

A special labor of love given this year is the re-written "Good Samaritan Altar Guild Handbook" recently published thanks to the generous contributions of many talented and gifted people. This information will streamline our preparations!

Our faithful members are: Dale Barnecott, June Carter, Helen Dickason, Joan Dunlap, Patty Fry, Mary Lee Gray, Elaine Hayden (inactive), Jane Johnson, Sharon Kavanagh, Sherrie Nagy, Shirley Pearson (inactive), Inez Peck (inactive), Sue Propst, Joyce Skogan, Bev Trappe, Patricia Wickman, Jim Wohlwend, and Stephanie Wohlwend. We appreciate the graciousness of Bobbie Beck, who helps with the laundering and ironing of our fair linens.

It is a privilege to be of service at the altars of the Church of the Good Samaritan. This is a labor of love given to our church family.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Richardson and Pat Wohlwend

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Our parish family is served very faithfully by our Eucharistic Ministers, who assist with the administration of the sacrament during weekday as well as Sunday services. Some also serve by leading the Prayers of the People. Those who are Eucharistic Visitors take the sacrament to parishioners in the hospital and to shut-ins both at home and in nursing homes. A Sunday morning service is offered by them each week at Conifer House.

Our parish is also blessed with faithful and skilled lectors, who read the lessons at each Sunday service and for special services during the church year. They are trained in the use of voice and microphone, and they add meaning and beauty to the liturgy.

If you feel called to any of these ministries – welcome! Please contact Pat Wohlwend (754-0740 or 760-4133)

Respectfully submitted, Pat Wohlwend

PERSONNEL

Rector

"To love one another and the world as Christ loves us."

Looking back...

2011 was a very special year for us at Good Sam! In August of last year we saw the beginning of our 50th anniversary celebrations. Believe it or not, it has been 50 years since the building of our church facilities on Harrison and 35th. We began our celebrations in grand style with a visit by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, who presided and preached at our special Sunday Eucharist. The day was made all the more memorable in that we were joined by parishioners from the other mid-valley Episcopal churches and also because we dedicated our church Lounge in honor of Bishop Katharine after the service as well. We topped off the occasion with a splendid barbecue, done Good Sam style. It was a wonderful gathering and a great beginning to our 50th Anniversary year!

Equipping the Saints

One of our goals at Good Sam is to provide a safe and loving environment from those who perhaps visit just once to those who call this community their spiritual home. A place where we can all grow, share, experiment and learn. We strive to do this in a number of ways:

- **Worship.** We work hard to offer inspiring and spirit-filled worship every week of the year. We also acknowledge that one size does not fit all, so we offer a number of different styles of worship, from our very quiet said, Rite I, 8.00 a.m. Sunday service to our Traditional 10.00 a.m. Eucharist, Contemporary service, Sung Compline as well as weekday and special services. One of the great joys of this last year

has been to see how our weekday services have developed. Working in conjunction with our Church School staff we offer a Children's Chapel service each Monday and Tuesday morning. We have also made our Wednesday morning Eucharist more accessible to the Kindergarten and Grade School students who attend on a weekly basis in term time. The children now regularly read the lessons and lead the psalm. We have also developed a special weekday service booklet that is easier for the children to follow. Our weekday attendance has now grown from an average of 80 three years ago to over 130. Since most of the students who attend come from non-church going families this has become one of our major outreach ministries. I am proud of the way that we have welcomed and accommodated these brand new Christians! Our hope is that we are sowing seeds of faith which will grow and bloom over the years.

- **Education.** We regularly provide Christian education and spiritual nurture in a variety of ways for both children and adults. For children we offer traditional Sunday School classes each Sunday morning. We also hold a regular Youth Group on Sunday evenings. For adults our Spiritual Nurture Committee has been the guiding light behind many of our educational offerings, from seasonal quiet days and study groups, to one day conferences and workshops. We have also supported the development of two new home groups that meet on a regular basis for study, fellowship and prayer. This last year we also took a pilgrimage, 'In the footsteps of St. Paul', visiting sacred sites in Greece and Turkey. These kinds of trips really help to bring the Scriptures alive. In January, I will be starting a Greek Bible Study each Sunday morning. I was also very pleased to see Maria, our Director of Music, begin the Royal School of Church Music program this year for the children in our Youth Choir. This provides not only excellent music and vocal education but also gives our young people some of the liturgical and religious context of our worship and music.
- **Fellowship.** It is no accident that Jesus asked his disciples to remember him every time they broke bread together. And we don't just break bread in church! We have had a great many opportunities to get together this last year! Mardi-Gras just before Lent, Easter brunch, summer picnics, our August barbecue, Harvest brunch, Stewardship Dinner, Sunday Stone Soup, Men's Breakfast, Episcopal Church Women lunches and more... These are times when we can simply enjoy being in each other's company and build up the community of our church. Thank you to everyone who has worked in the kitchens organizing these very special events!
- **Stewardship.** As Christians we believe that everything we have is a gift from God. We strive to use all of the things that the Lord has placed into our care, both as individuals and as a church community, to further the Kingdom of God and to take care of those in need. We are blessed with a dedicated and highly capable team of volunteers who manage our financial and building resources: Our Treasurer, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and volunteers, our Finance Committee, Vestry and Foundation Trustees. These behind-the-scenes ministries make everything else that we do at Good Sam possible. A highlight of this last year was the installation of our new solar array. This effort was led by our church environmental committee, most especially Bill Gazeley, Bill Becker and Brian Gifford. Producing electricity from the sun's energy onsite not only significantly reduces our church's carbon-footprint, but it is also generating a steady stream of income for our church. I was very proud that we received a special award from the Diocese of Oregon last November in recognition of this achievement. This is important stewardship work!

Serving the Community

- **Social Justice and Outreach**

The people of Good Samaritan continue to have a strong and vital commitment to peace and social justice and to service in our community. We accomplished many things this last year. Among the highlights was raising over \$5000 to build a well in a developing country through Episcopal Relief and Development. In Corvallis we take clean water for granted, but many millions of people all over the world live without access to this basic necessity. Building a well for a community not only gives people the gift of water, it also frees women and young girls from spending hours each day carrying water to their homes. It also helps to eradicate simple but devastating diseases such as cholera and diarrhea, saving many lives. We also gave over \$1,800 to help with the rebuilding efforts of the Episcopal Cathedral in Port au Prince, Haiti. The Cathedral serves not only as the mother church for the largest Episcopal Diocese in our church, but is also a school, a center for relief and development work and a refuge for thousands of homeless Haitians. This was a special gift indeed! In addition to these special

fund-raising projects we continue to support the Pastoral Counseling Center, Community Outreach, Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers and many other local charities that provide important support and care for vulnerable people in our Corvallis community. Members of our congregation also help to govern the Samaritan Village Retirement community next to Good Sam and have a significant presence on the Board of Directors of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Our modest sized church truly has a giant footprint in our community!

- **Use of our Church buildings**

I am always amazed at how much of our church buildings are used each and every day. Most of us usually only experience Good Sam on a Sunday, which is actually quite a quiet day as things go, but on any given weekday we will have over 110 children in our education wing; on Tuesdays and Thursdays we have between 20 and 30 students and volunteers with the Crossroads Conversation School with us too. Each month we host the Red Cross Blood Bank, Benton County Health Dept. meetings, social support groups and Daughters of the American Revolution to name but a few. The evenings are always busy as well, with AA and Alanon groups meeting in various rooms. And I haven't even mentioned our church meetings, ECW, Altar Guild, Bible studies, chapel services, funerals, weddings in the summer... The Church of the Good Samaritan is not just a building for the use of our church family but really a place used by the whole Corvallis community. This has always been our vision and the way it should be. It takes a great deal of time and effort to make this happen, though. Special thanks to our Facilities Manager, DeeDee Larew, and our Office Manager, Laura Pfeifer, who coordinate much of this activity – and clean up afterward!

- **Financial support**

None of any of these wonderful ministries would be possible, however, without the faithful and sacrificial financial support of so many – all of you. This last year has been another challenging one for our country and local community as many millions are still unemployed and looking for work, investment and retirement incomes are either stagnant or have declined and generally things are financially tight. Having said that, I have been amazed but perhaps not completely surprised, at the way in which people at Good Sam have continued to give so generously to support the mission and work of our church – and many sacrificially so. Clearly you believe that what we are trying to do at Good Sam – all of the above, and more – **“to love each other and the world as Christ loves us”** – is important, invaluable and life-giving, and for that I give thanks to you and to God.

Renewing the church

- **Sacred Spaces**

It has been a busy year for our Sacred Spaces and Buildings and Ground Committees. Our Buildings and Grounds team not only keep the church looking good – think of all the volunteer hours that go into maintaining our grounds and courtyard – but they also take care of all the important behind-the-scenes building maintenance, from changing light bulbs, fixing the boiler, taking care of leaks in the bathrooms and kitchens, cleaning the gutters and much, much more. Our Sacred Spaces Committee undertook a number of important projects this last year:

1. The re-painting and dedication of our Bishop Katharine Lounge.
2. The re-decoration of our church foyer and office hallway.
3. The introduction of artwork in the foyer – created by members of our church!
4. Re-framing of the drawings of our historical Good Sam church buildings.

I know that they have plans for this coming year – there are many other parts of our church facilities that need renovating and repair, which is not surprising after 50 years of daily use!

- **Spiritual Nurture**

As I mentioned above our Spiritual Nurture Committee has been hard at work coordinating and organizing many of the educational and spiritual formation classes and groups offered at Good Sam this year. From our Lent groups in the late winter, to quiet days at the beginning of the Lent and Advent seasons, to helping to form two new home groups, Sunday forums and other events – they have given us many opportunities to gather and to learn, to deepen our faith and understanding and to ‘grow in holiness’ as the bible puts it. We are planning a Greek Sunday morning bible study, which will begin in January. I

am also working with a small team to grow and extend the healing ministry of our church – more details will be forthcoming over the next few months. Also Lent groups are being organized as I write!

- **Youth Group & Sunday School**

2011 was a very special year for our church youth group. We have a solid core of 12 or more junior high and high school students who gather each Sunday for fun and learning. Two highlights this year included the mission trip to the Yakima Indian Reservation in Eastern Washington over the summer. Our young adults had the opportunity to live and work on the Reservation for a week, helping renovate buildings for the people there. They also helped to lead a Vacation Bible Study course for some of the local children. We also hosted the Diocesan Youth gathering in October. This was the first time that we have done so in many years. Young adults gathered at Good Sam from all across Western Oregon to pray, dance and have fun together.

Our Sunday School ministry continues with a new bible study curriculum ‘SPARKS’ being introduced this last year. We continue to struggle, however, with recruiting adults from our congregation to serve as Sunday School teachers and mentors. We also find that families are not consistent in attendance at church, which makes planning and teaching classes as challenge. These issues are not peculiar to Good Sam – we live a busy world, where parents and kids are pulled in multiple directions – weekend sports fixtures, educational classes, and the all-important quality family time competing for Sunday morning time. Special thanks go to Fr. Lance and Stacie Peeler, as well as the dedicated Sunday School and Youth Group leaders and volunteers!

- **50th Anniversary Celebrations**

We began this important commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the building and dedication of our ‘new’ church buildings in August of 2011 with a wonderful service and dedication of the Bishop Katharine Lounge. We held an equally moving Harvest Festival in September – both events marked by the sharing of food! Dave Francis created a beautiful full-color Newsletter in October, celebrating some of the history of our church – it was fun as well as really interesting to see some of the old photographs from years gone by! We offered a service of Choral Evensong in November and are also working on a new church pictorial directory which will be published in the next month or so. In 2012 we are planning special Lent groups. We have also been invited to a special visit to the Corvallis Arts Center (our old church building!) on March 4th. Our 50th Anniversary Celebrations will come to a close on Easter Day, when we will bury a time-capsule after the Eucharist service. It has been an enjoyable way to thank God and members of our church community for the last 50 years of ‘Faith, Hope and Love.’ It has been good to be reminded of the many, many things that have taken place in and through this church. It has been important to celebrate the many thousands of lives that have been touched and changed through the loving ministry of the people of Good Sam, not only since 1961 but since its foundation in 1865. Praise God!

Looking forward...

- **50th Anniversary events**

As I said, we have a number of special events planned between now and Easter to continue to celebrate this important milestone in the life of our church community. Please watch for announcements over the next few months!

- **Endowment project**

The Episcopal Church, like all other major denominations, has seen income from its members stagnate over the last few years. There are economic as well as demographic reasons for this. One of the most significant factors is the gradual erosion of financial support by people 75 and older – because these people are now dying. This older generation has been uniquely generous in their financial support of our churches (and many other institutions); the baby boomers and younger generations have not been blessed with the same financial resources as their parents and grandparents, and so financial giving has been steadily eroded over time.

A small working group comprised of members of the vestry, foundation, finance committee and former members of the same, have been meeting since October to look at this issue and think and pray about possible solutions to this on-going problem. A full report will be published in the next few months outlining their findings and recommendations. To be brief, one of the most important ideas is to create a special endowment to specifically help support the day-to-day financial needs of our church. This would

be in addition to the other restricted endowments that already exist to help finance capital needs and special projects. As I said, there will be more information forthcoming in the next few months.

- **Capital Campaign**

As we have celebrated the 50th anniversary of the building and dedication of our current church buildings this last year the Vestry, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Sacred Spaces Committee and others have become increasingly aware that parts of our church facilities are in desperate need of renovation and repair. These committees are in the process of compiling a list of the most urgent projects. In no particular order they include:

1. Repair or replacement of our main sanctuary organ.
2. Renovations to Simpson Hall.
3. Repainting and repair of the hallways.
4. Making our church facilities and main sanctuary fully disabled-accessible.
5. Renovation of our church courtyard (as our courtyard tree will have to be removed this spring).

And there are other smaller repairs that also need to be undertaken. All of this is to be expected, given the age of our facilities and the hard, daily use that our buildings are subject to. It is a credit to the quality of the original construction, as well as the on-going repairs and renovations that have been carried out over the years that our facilities are in as good as shape as they are currently in! Having said that, there are significant structural issues that we all now need to face.

To this end, the Vestry and other church leaders are seriously thinking about launching a Capital Campaign to raise money to undertake these vital repairs. We will all be hearing more about this important project as the year unfolds.

In conclusion

2011 has been a good year. We have done much, loved much and been blessed much. There is a lot to celebrate! Good Sam is a vital and happy community. As always, I am deeply thankful for ALL of the loving work, prayers and efforts of hand and mind that make all of what we love and cherish at Good Sam possible. Praise be to God!

Yours in Christ,

Simon+

The Rev. Simon C. Justice, Rector of Good Samaritan Church

“To love one another and the world as Christ loves us.”

Assistant Rector

A good portion of my reflection on my ministry at Good Samaritan Church is contained in the reports for Sunday School and Youth Ministry. However it does not contain many of the aspects of the ministry in which I participate here in Corvallis. I continue to feel very blessed to part of a wonderful team of ministers both here at Good Samaritan Church as well as at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center where I serve the Mental Health Chaplain half time. In addition to the 20 hours at the church and 20 hours at the hospital I spent 10 hours a week at the Pastoral Counseling Center as part of the certification program to become a Pastoral Counselor. I have found it extremely rewarding to participate in each of these ministries; finding that each one has supported my efforts to minister in each of the other communities.

Also in 2011 I attended a CREDO conference for clergy which focuses on supporting a healthy lifestyle for ministry and which includes a healthy focus on balance as a dynamic expression of the different aspect of our lives. This was a very important experience that continues to offer support and benefits on personal and professional levels as I continue to seek God’s will for how to live as a Husband, Father and Priest and preach the Gospel with all that I am.

Through all of this I have had several challenges to my health. In the first part of 2011 I had a series of small surgeries intended to correct some longstanding difficulties related to my Crohn’s Disease. Through many tests it was discovered that I have been dealing with more than just Crohn’s Disease (though I had honestly thought that Crohn’s was enough to deal with thank you very much!) Late in 2011 I was diagnosed with Rectal Cancer. Though December 2011 has been about as challenging a month as I can remember, as I write this in January 2012, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude for God who continues to be with me on this journey with all

its twists and turns. I am aware that this is a time of rich significance and a time to which I am desperately trying to pay attention and learn. I am deeply grateful to each of the communities in which I serve who have been such a support to myself and my family during this time. Words can not easily express my thanks for the manner in which I and my family have received God's blessing through the caring and active support of so many in this community.

I continue to believe that God has purpose in what I have experienced in 2011 and I will continue to prayerfully seek God's will for how to live out this purpose for the future. May God bless our efforts to love each other and the world as Christ loves us!

Faithfully Submitted by Fr. Lance Peeler

Deacon

This year has been a year that inspires much gratitude on my part. For more years than I can recall, we have offered a Communion service to residents of Corvallis Manor twice a month. Barbara Black and Inez Peck have been faithful helpers at the service. When Barbara left, I half expected Inez to say "Enough", but I am so thankful that she has continued to help. She helps to greet the residents, passes out hymn books, turns pages and helps with the administration of Communion. She also serves as the choir as I attempt to play hymns and others attempt to follow. Her contribution to the service is wonderful.

Once a month we go to Timberhill Place for an evening service of Communion. John and Rosemary Magee are the faithful helpers at that service. We are joined by Colleen Voll who is the organist at First Baptist and sometimes Grace Lutheran. All three bring their special gifts to the service and have done so for years. Thank you to you all. Also a thank you to Laura and the office volunteers who prepare the readings for the folders which we use on Sunday nights. Other appreciation goes to the people who so willingly and successfully serve the community of Corvallis. These are people I meet on the various boards on which I serve. From the Pastoral Counseling Center, to Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers, to Samaritan Village, I meet Episcopalians seeking to make life better for those who need caring attention.

On Wednesday mornings, a faithful group of people eager to read and discuss the books of the Bible are a highlight of my week. We are eclectic in our reading, moving from Old Testament to the New Testament at will. We ask questions and then seek answers, but are willing to admit that sometimes the answers are not clear as life is not always clear and concise. All are welcome to join us at 10:45 on Wednesdays in Room 1.

I celebrate that the Gospel is being shared through action and love here at the Church of the Good Samaritan.

Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Adult Choir:

2011 has been a busy and musically adventuresome year for our Adult Choir. We explored a variety of musical styles and learned new, more complex repertoire. We began the year with preparations for the Evensong and Easter services. Our first Evensong of the year was held in March 2011, restoring the wonderful Anglican tradition of the sung evening service. Our Easter music was enhanced by Haydn's Heiligmesse in its entirety, sung by the choir during Easter morning service and accompanied by a string quartet.

Our second Evensong was held in November and was sung in Thanksgiving of Good Sam's 50th anniversary. It featured music by Bach and Campra, Anglican plainchant and anthems by Herbert Murrill and Dmitry Bortnyansky. The service was also enhanced by our own professional percussionist, Justin Preece, and by a brass quintet. Christmas service of Lessons & Carols was a great success and featured variety of new carols, accompanied by a string quartet, bell choir and organ. Christmas Eve service was enriched by a string quartet in combination with bells, organ and choir that drew some congregation members to sing chorus from Handel's Messiah, as well as other traditional Christmas Eve carols. Special thanks to our Bell Choir directed by Stephanie Wohlwend for their active participation in the services!

Through the year, we continued to work on intonation, breath control, and ensemble singing. It was great to blend some contemporary spirituals, anthems and service music into our traditional service, as well as to explore some vocal literature rooted deeply in Orthodox chant.

The Adult Choir is always open to new singers. Rehearsals are held in Simpson Hall on Thursdays from 6:30--8:30PM. Please join and help us to continue the fine tradition, which the Good Sam celebrates.

Youth Choir

Our Youth Choir (ages 7-13) continued to grow and is now following the Royal School of Church Music curriculum, designed to build a solid understanding of vocal support and sound production, as well as to lay a foundation of music theory and notation. Children are given the opportunity to learn musical notation, rhythm, and breathing techniques, in addition to part-singing.

The Youth Choir had a leading voice in the Mardi Gras celebration, in the Pentecost service, an also participated in the Lessons & Carols program. Children will be learning more about voice projection and intonation this year, and I encourage all parents to consider this program. Youth Choir sings once a month during 10AM traditional church services. Rehearsals are held in the church every Sunday, from 8:15--9:30AM.

Sundays@3

Our concert series continued to bring so much great talent to perform at Good Sam! Performers included: violinist Fritz Gearhart and pianist Victor Steinhardt, Russian composer and organist Cyril Deakonoff, mezzo-soprano Alison Nordyke, Black Swan Jazz Group, and our own Adult Choir performing two evensongs and a festival of Lessons Carols that were a part of Sundays@3 season in 2011.

Listening to great players and singers is inspiring and refreshing for the spirit. The congregation has shown great support for this program, certainly a program that brings enormous value to our Music Ministry and the entire community. I am confident that the upcoming 2012 season will be the best to remember! I appreciate the support you have shown through your donations and by volunteering to make this program a success!

I would like to thank our contemporary music leader, Dawn Jones, for her support of the Music Program and for all help she has given to me throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Dossin, Director of Music

Contemporary Music

We are in our fourth year of The Contemporary Worship. Worship music begins each Sunday at 10:00 AM in Simpson Hall and the service begins at 10:15. Our average attendance is 45. I want to give a special thank you to my Worship Team, Laura Bunsen, and Cindy Fisher, who meet with me each Wednesday evening to practice for our Sunday Worship, to Shannon Jones who always gives of his time to sing a solo or bass, and to Jane Barr and Jennifer Jones who I can always count on. They all are truly a blessing to me. Thank you to our priests who rotate to make this possible. Thank you to all of you who continue to make this place a blessed place to worship and a place to love one another.

In Christ's Love, dawn Jones

Facilities Manager

Position: Facilities Manager for The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, member of Buildings and Grounds, Safety committee, kitchen and storage committees, volunteer and a member of the parish.

Responsibilities: Maintenance, cleaning, repairs and general upkeep of entire property inside and out. Setting up and tearing down for church services, meetings, classes, social events, committees, and a number of charitable and support groups. This includes setting up tables and chairs. Moving furniture, games, piano, portable altar, and electronic and video equipment as needed. I also assist with the scheduling of building use including room assignment and building access as well as securing the building and equipment daily.

As in year past we try to tackle the big jobs while school is out. This summer the Head of School: Jack Nickerson, turned rooms 7&8 into one class room, now the all day Kindergarten class. Sacred Spaces was able to paint the hallway from chapel to lounge and install new directional signs to the lounge, Simpson Hall, and Office. On winter break, ECW had the kitchen remodeled including new cupboards, paint, electrical outlets, and many more improvements.

Some unscheduled improvements in 2011 included major plumbing repairs in the kitchen: a reminder that our aging facility is in need of many updates.

Thank you to all the volunteers and committees that do so much to help out. Because of you and being part of the best staff, my job truly is a labor of love.

Respectfully, Diana (Dee Dee) Larew

Office Manager

My main responsibility is to produce and print the weekly bulletin and announcements. While I try to produce one without errors, I have only achieved that goal a handful of times. Many thanks to Deacon Peggy for proof reading for me every week. When I have time, I continue my ongoing project of updating the office files and cupboards.

I approached Father Simon last spring, asking if it would be possible to increase my hours. My hope became a reality in October and I am now in the office 30 hours a week. I feel very blessed to work with such a wonderful staff and kind parishioners.

Laura Pfeifer