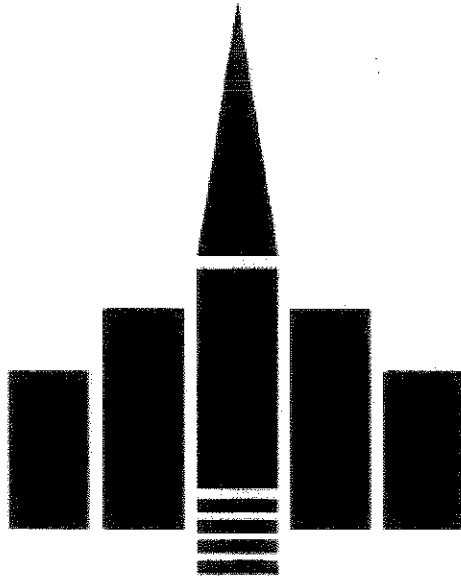


# **St. Martin's Episcopal Church**

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**A N N U A L  
R E P O R T**

**Sunday**

**January 29, 2012**

**10:30 a.m.**

## Rector's Report 2012

The Rev. Jon W. Hall

It has been a blessing to serve with you during the last two years. Looking back, it is clear that the first year was a combination of building upon the strengths of this congregation. The second year was in some ways more difficult than the first because we began to strengthen the foundation by building new leadership. It seems a bit of a paradox, but adding stability while growing as a parish meant accepting challenges. I believe that we are currently on a positive trajectory to invite the growth of the parish and to be intentional in making a difference in the community around us. St. Martin's has always been known as a church that makes a difference. My hope is that this church will continue to be a place of spiritual depth and discipleship inside and outside these doors.

### Diocesan Involvement

In 2011 my Diocesan involvement included being a member of Fresh Start, a program for clergy during their first two years of service in this diocese. It is a time of networking and congregational support. I will complete this program in May 2012. I was also appointed by the Bishop to serve on the Commission on Ministry. This is a collection of clergy and lay leaders from around the diocese who discern the calls to ministry for both ordained and lay leaders. Our work as a congregation within the diocese has included Diocesan Convention and Metro IV, our geographical section of the diocese. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our delegates and those who ran for diocesan offices. I am proud of our leadership and St. Martin's representation within the diocese. St. Martin's celebrated new clergy placements with our sister parishes at Holy Cross in Poplar Bluff, Trinity in Hannibal, St. Francis in Eureka, Calvary in Columbia, and Trinity in Kirksville as well as ordinations at Christ Church Cathedral. 2011 also granted the opportunity for us to host Bishop Stephen Dokolo and his wife Lillian from the Diocese of Lui in Southern Sudan.

### Worship

2011 showed a significant increase in average Sunday attendance. We added a Saturday evening service in the fall, 5:05, which is led by the Rev. Emily Hillquist Davis. She began working with us on a part-time basis in September. I'd like to thank those assisting with Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Eucharist by their service in the areas of Altar Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Acolytes and Chalice Bearers. Rebecca Barger is doing the very important work of scheduling servers for all of the services. I am appreciative of her time and energy for this ministry.

I'd like to thank the Eucharistic Visitors for their weekly ministry of taking communion and visiting those unable to attend our regular worship. I'd like to offer a word of thanks for the contributions of our deacon, Susan Naylor, in the areas of worship and pastoral care. Her work in training Acolytes, Lectors, Chalice Bearers and Eucharistic Visitors is greatly appreciated. I'd like to thank Earl Naylor for his work with the choir, bell choir, and children's music Sundays. I appreciate his input into planning worship, including special music, during the course of the year.

### Outreach

I am sure that the Outreach Committee has submitted a comprehensive report of its activities. However, I would like to thank them for their faithful attention to maintaining projects such as Circle of Concern, blood drives, and their openness to working with the vestry in allocating funds for local, regional, and national ministries.

### Stewardship

Our Stewardship efforts for 2011 have included the annual Ministry Fair that recognized over two dozen ministries in this church; all opportunities for people to live out their faith. The Stewardship Committee has grown due to strong leadership and a holistic approach to stewardship in thinking about time, talent and treasure. The Stewardship Committee has helped our congregation enter into dialog about living faithfully and generously. Their goal is to educate us as a body about what it means to live out our mission statement to be Christ's beacon in the world. A new committee related to the topic of stewardship is the Legacy Committee. They are looking more specifically at what it means for people's witness to continue after they die. I know from personal experience in working with families dealing with end of life issues that the work of the Legacy Committee is much needed.

### Vestry

The vestry's role in 2011 expanded somewhat to include visioning discussions about future ministries. I am grateful for the vestry spending time and energy to discuss these aspects of our congregational life, especially the ways they are connected to our operating budget. My general observation is that these ministries are working together in a more transparent way. Serving on the vestry is always hard and rewarding work. I appreciate every person's gift of leadership. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing vestry members who are the last rotation from the interim period. I'd like to thank those serving on the Executive Committee for their sacrificial labors including the wardens, Jane Klieve and Sherrie Algren, and the treasurer Larry Cornelius assisted by Steve Young.

### Staff

Part of adding stability to our congregation included restructuring the staff and some of their job descriptions. We needed to clarify and consolidate our administrative activities. We needed to give more attention to the development of communications including the website, the parish calendar and our presence in the community. I am thankful to Janis Greenbaum for contributing her strengths to these new endeavors. Strong leadership to attend to our Christian formation complimented this shift of personnel. We are indebted to Kay Fletcher working with children and Carole Clary working with adult formation to take us through 2011. These two strong leaders and their respective teams gave a great deal. I am excited about the youth and their involvement in mission this year. I'd like to thank Heidi and all the adults working with her for their leadership with the

teens. I also want to thank Heidi and all those working to keep our college students connected through the college ministries. I thank the vestry for sharing the vision to add Emily to our staff last fall. I am excited about her abilities being utilized in the life of this congregation. The position of Administrative Assistant to the clergy was added this year and filled by Michelle Magee. Michelle has taken over working on the bulletin and tending to the membership files, especially the new members. This position filled a vacancy created by the retirement of Ruby Downs. Michelle's position has also allowed our Parish Administrator, Janet Thiess, the ability to concentrate her energy on maintaining the organization of the office and on parish life. We have also been blessed in 2011 by having Susan Cupini as one of our sextons. When she was hired, we knew that she could only work with us while she finished graduate school. Having her on staff has been a true privilege and a great compliment to the hard work of Tom Warrington, our long-time sexton. I am grateful to all the staff for their teamwork during 2011.

#### Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team is a new ministry encompassing Eucharistic visits, hospital and homebound visits, and card ministry. We are indebted to those Stephen Ministers who helped form the Pastoral Care Team. The Pastoral Care Team has served to connect these various ministries.

#### Christian Formation

Adult Formation – I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janis Greenbaum for her leadership during the first part of 2011 in working with children and adults.

Our adult bible studies continue to be vibrant thanks to the leadership of Mary Richardson, John Lange, Virginia Noel, Carole Clary and guest speakers. Thank you to those who acted as teachers and shepherds for the 2011 Inquirer's & Confirmation class. St. Martin's borrowed a large van and took a whole group of folks to the Cathedral in May to be confirmed, received, or to reaffirm their faith.

Children's Formation – I would like to thank our Nursery Workers, Jody Mena, Chen Nelson, Mary Kate Galvin, and Alice McLaughlin for their dedicated service to the youngest among us. Children's formation and activities included VBS, Children's Worship, Sunday School, Fall Festival, the Christmas Pageant and Music Sunday's. All were successful due to the efforts of dedicated volunteers.

The comments above serve to provide only highlights of what has been a very busy year in the life of our parish. It would really be impossible for me to mention all the acts of discipleship that have contributed to the whole this year. Since all of the committees have submitted detailed reports, I will rely upon their good work to complete the picture for 2011. The leadership of all of us enhances our common life as a parish. I am always impressed when any of us; children, youth or adults invites someone new to church. In that spirit, I thank you all for your commitment to the Lord and to your faithful service as the body of Christ.

### Assistant Priest's Report

"Come, follow me," he said. Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. ~Mark 1:17f.

What a blessed year full of unanticipated opportunity and newness of life!

In February, I realized it was time to leave Grace Church where I had come three-and-a-half years prior —directly out of seminary— to serve both the small Deaf congregation of St. Thomas & and the much larger hearing congregation. I met with the Bishop, and not 3 days later received a phone call from your rector along these lines: "Emily, I have this dream that if we can get 'people people' here at St. Martin's, doing *whatever it is* they are truly CALLED to do, THAT will build the church.... that energy, that excitement. The Holy Spirit will work through that to build the church." ... then an awkward pause... "What *are* you called to do?..."

Thank you, Jesus! Best job offer ever! I started at St. Martin's on September 1. Part time: 15 hours a week. (I still serve my Deaf church, St. Thomas, Sunday mornings in Kirkwood, and my life's much saner.) Of course, finding one's call happens in relationship with a community in the context of people's needs and interests. Folks had been requesting a Saturday evening service. We began gathering weekly in early October with "Worship under Construction" (Eucharist + debriefing + brainstorming open to all) and officially "launched" our new "5:05" Saturday evening service December 3 with a Kenyan Eucharist; African Drum circle including our youth; and honored visitors, Bishop Stephen Dokolo & his wife Lillian of Lui in South Sudan. Who says worship has to be the same all the time? Generally, though, the 5:05 is kind of mellow, focuses on engaging Sunday's gospel, avoids hierarchy and rote responses, and invites participation of all comers. I initially thought this might be a meditative service, but it is turning out pretty lively because children show up and participate and keep us honest. Awkward logistics are smoothing, thanks to Ruby Downs, Linda Hoff, Jeannie King, Kim, Matt & Katie Montgomery, Dan & Lynn Patterson, Steve & Nancy Young and others. We have mostly worked out a regular framework into which we fit some variety each week and season. It turns out that singing is not necessarily our thing, but youth have contributed their musical talents to this service, and we encourage more involvement along these lines. Truly, this endeavor feeds my soul, and I hear others saying the same. For some of you more grounded in tradition, this can only seem alien. That is okay. Sunday mornings will always be the big thing at St. Martin's. Just trust that the Spirit is at work in this new endeavor. All your prayers and feedback will help develop this worship where restless people are welcome.

In the past few months, Jon Hall, Dan Patterson, Lynn Corning, and I have joined others to visit an amazing community in Nashville, Tennessee, that helps women escape the streets and years of drug abuse and prostitution. Such a community is starting here: Magdalene St. Louis. This movement is catching the interest of many at St. Martin's.

"Come, follow me," he said. Let us see where God is calling us.

Yours, looking forward in Christ,  
emily<sup>+</sup>

The Reverend Emily Hillquist Davis

## Report from the Deacon

I consider myself to be richly blessed to be the deacon here at St. Martin's. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to participate in so much of the life of this parish. Among my duties here, I have worked in conjunction with the Eucharistic Visitors, readers, chalice bearers and Altar Guild. I have assisted in our Sunday worship and participated in the "5:05" Saturday worship as well. I have taken part in pastoral care visits to people's homes, hospitals and care centers, and assisted with baptisms, funerals and weddings. I've led adult forums and confirmation classes, preached, taught, prayed and studied. Writing the weekly prayers of the people that include intercessions for the needs of the world beyond our doors and even beyond our shores is a central part of my ministry, as is working with people who turn to St. Martin's looking for assistance for a variety of needs.

A particular highlight for me this year was being able to participate in the youth missions to Shannondale and Joplin. Another highlight was working with the community of deacons on their projects this year: Fundraising for a family shelter in Joplin, Magdalene House, and exploring a small faith community site in Near North St. Louis, welcoming and providing transport for our Presiding Bishop, Katherine Jefferts Schori and her husband while they were here for our Diocesan Convention, and mentoring two people in the ordination process toward the diaconate. I continue to serve on the Companion Diocese Relationship Committee for the diocese, and helped with the visit of Bp. Stephen and Lillian Dokolo. I'm also serving as vice president of Metro IV this year.

I continue to make my stipendiary living as a Home Health Nurse for Lutheran Senior Services, providing skilled nursing for home bound older adults. It is the work of a deacon to bring the needs and concerns of the world to the church, and I'll continue to do that in the year ahead. May God continue to grant us grace for the coming year.

Yours in Christ's service,

/Susan

Rev. Susan Naylor

## Senior Warden's Report 2011

This year marked the end of our congregation's transition period and the first full year of our life with Father Jon as our rector. As I write this report, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for all that has taken place. There are so many highlights and things to celebrate:

Father Jon is a strong, healthy, collaborative leader with an inspiring gift for discovery and development. I admire his ability to envision ways of strengthening our ministry by building on the existing foundation of people and programs while actively seeking new ways in which we might be a welcoming faithful presence in our community. A real sense of optimism has taken hold within our congregation and the future looks exciting.

The vestry contributed countless hours in thoughtful deliberation about how we could most faithfully respond to God's call to us. We worked hard to be sure that we consistently considered the interwoven nature of all St. Martin's ministries & activities. Stewardship of all resources – time, talent & treasure – served as a primary lens for all our conversations. After commissioning a financial audit, we were pleased to receive a good report and some very constructive recommendations about ways we might improve our financial processes and record keeping. Additional input was solicited from our Finance Committee and the Diocesan office. With that information in hand, the vestry voted to implement the recommended changes. Our goal is to make information easier to understand and our processes more transparent.

We are blessed to have talented, dedicated staff. Their work frequently occurs at times when it is not directly observed by our members. For that reason, it is particularly important to recognize that we are able to build successful ministries & programs because of the wonderful contributions our staff make to the life of this congregation. It is also important to note the addition of The Rev. Emily Hillquist Davis as our assistant priest. We celebrate your ministry and the addition of the 505 service on Saturday.

Our ministries are active and vibrant in so many different areas. The spectrum ranges from the nursery and toddler groups to the Mary & Martha Guild. Our members provide energy and leadership to make this possible. As you read the reports from these ministries in the pages that follow, I believe you will agree with my summary: St. Martin's is a joyful place! We are growing and changing and challenging ourselves to be open to the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

Jane Klieve  
Senior Warden 2011

## **Junior Warden's Report - 2011**

This has been a productive year for the facility. It started with the painting of Park Hall, under the leadership of Bob Pomeroy. After the new paint job, we noticed some other areas in need of improvement. New baseboard was donated by Wayne Peters, which the paint crew installed. Steve Lyle worked on the woodwork around the windows, finding serious structural problems from water damage. We were able to recover sufficient funds from Church Insurance to contract new (energy efficient) windows and more stable structural improvements, costing us nothing.

The roof above Park Hall and the kitchen required several improvements to correct leaks. The overflow, near the back hall had been roofed over-- so with heavy rainfall, the ceiling crashed in. We had the overflow restored and then, extended so that rainfall was able to be directed to the back of the building, rather than backing up above the flashing. The roofing company also fixed several leaks and caulked our flashing (which was omitted with the original installation). The roofing was covered under warranty and there was no cost to us.

The narthex committee, led by Carolann Sternberg, completed a comprehensive plan for the beautification of this area. Scott Pattengill painted the narthex and hallways the recommended color. Tom Baranowski re-hung the bulletin boards per the committee's design. Mary Drastal hung pictures of the ministers and vestry. We still have much work to be completed in this area, and with sufficient funds, will be able to realize the vision of a beautiful narthex.

Cintas, the company that inspects our kitchen suppression system, identified that it was not connected to our fire alarm. This system puts out cooking fires. It was not fire code to have this connected when the system was installed, but is current fire code. After speaking with the local fire Marshall, the vestry chose to bring the kitchen up to code. This has been done for the protection of the building.

The men's club has purchased and installed a commercial can opener for the ease of food preparation.

The facilities committee moved and anchored the choir pews. They were able to attach kneelers for the choir, as well.

The furnace fund has stalled this year. It is important that we meet our obligation to ourselves and pay for the furnaces within the allotted time (5 years). Please keep this in mind if you have extra funds in the coming years.

The church was re-lamped last month, brightening our service environment. Elizabeth Arras advised on energy efficient lights. Much thanks for her effort and expertise.

We had two successful service days in which we beautified the building and grounds and completed some service projects for the community. The people that participated were much appreciated, and too numerous to mention by name.

Susan Merchak has taken over Project Linus and continues to get grants from the Ellisville Kohls for the cost of material. Kohls employees continue to help us tie the blankets. Susan chooses great material to brighten the lives of the children who receive them.

Carole Gerretsen continues to maintain and improve the grounds. Tom Warrenton and Susan Cupini continue to take good care of the building (beyond their job description).

Much thanks to all who quietly give of their time and talent to make the church comfortable and beautiful for us all.

## **St. Martin's Episcopal Church**

### **Treasurer's Report for 2011**

It seems like yesterday that Rev. Jon Hall asked me to be the treasurer for 2011. I had never seriously thought about or considered the job, but I thought it would be interesting and would be a learning experience. And St. Martin's did need someone to take over for Steve Gillies, who had done a phenomenal job in 2010. Great 2011 budget Steve... we brought it in! I have to say the job is more complex than it appears and I learned more about the inner working of St. Martin's than I believed possible. And most of the time it was fun.

Jon asked me to try to make the church accounting simpler and less of a resource drain on the parish administrator. We also knew that we would have our first full audit in many years and were concerned on how that would turn out. Finally, we were still budgeted to operate at a deficit and everyone had warned me about the poor cash flow in the dreaded "J" months and early fall when everyone is elsewhere.

Early in the year we transitioned the bank accounts from US Bank to Commerce Bank, where Packwood and our loan are. This consolidates our banking with one institution and we were able to get interest free and non-minimum balance accounts. We also continued the tradition of reporting on the financial status of the parish in our weekly service bulletins to be transparent to the congregation and to show how we are doing financially.

Another initiative was that we asked the counters, who work hard behind the scenes, to not only count the money but to make the weekly deposit journal entry. This frees up time for the parish administrator and makes this one complete, efficient task. Many thanks to Mopsi Hanley and the counting crew who include Sarah Aleman, Mary Jane Drake, Bev DuPont, Kathy Erhardt, Anne Gravatte, and Linda Huheey.

We did have an audit performed by Schmersahl Treloar & Co. and everything went well. The auditors made two really excellent recommendations. One was the observation that deficit budgets are a real drain on the assets of the parish and should be avoided. The second related to what they considered to be too many special purpose funds for a church our size (we had around 28). In many cases these funds were defunct and without current activity. After consulting with the diocese and getting approval from the vestry, we reduced the number of funds to just 10 and will eliminate 2-3 more after some carry-over transactions in 2012 are final.

I want to thank Janet Theiss, our parish administrator, for her patience and her dedication. I committed to coming to the church most Thursday afternoons to sign checks, to work on projects, to help with the accounting and to see what is up at the church. Janet kept me out of trouble and supported me over and over. I also want to thank Bob Huheey for his work in preparing the monthly financial packages, his membership on the finance committee and his consulting. Bob is the architect of our accounting system and knows where ALL of the skeletons are buried. Steve Young functioned as the assistant treasurer/secretary and was especially helpful in figuring out QuickBooks, helping with the accounting and being supportive. Thanks a bunch Steve.

The finance committee formed by Steve Gillies last year continued their work. In addition to Bob and Steve, the other members are Steve Young, Ashleigh Kellogg, Tim Jerry, Erv Heyde, Bob Pomeroy, and Stewart Wiles. The committee was a source of knowledge, aided with the audit and helped with communication. Projects included electronic giving, church insurance review, coordinating Legacy and Packwood funds, telephone system upgrade project, ministry fair participation, budget review, accounting software upgrade, and stewardship reporting. Also note that Erv Heyde retired after many years (12 I think) as chairman of the Packwood Fund Committee and was succeeded by Stewart Wiles. Great job Erv and thanks for your faithful service!

Other groups that I want to thank include the ushers who collect our money and protect the collections after each service. I also want to thank the vestry and the head of all the ministries who helped St. Martin's control costs and make our resources and gifts go as far as possible. It is truly a joy to see all the people who are at the church doing what needs to get done week after week.

I am pleased to say we ended 2011 \$13,480 ahead of budget with a deficit of only \$9,312. We also approved a budget for 2012 that is in the black for the first time in at least 8 years. There is a more detailed budget report elsewhere but I want to summarize the key numbers:

	<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>
Income	\$ 502,681	\$ 509,467	\$ 527,990
Total Expenses	\$ 525,473	\$ 518,779	\$521,803
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 22,792)	(\$ 9,312)	\$ 1,187

Income, driven by 153 pledges (8 more than in 2011), is up 5% over last year's budget. Expenses are close to flat and we have taken that ugly bracket off the bottom line.

Your vestry has worked very hard to get us to this place. I want us all to celebrate that we are bucking the trend for churches in general as our pledges are up, we are budgeted for a small surplus and we have a great place to worship and have fellowship. We are positioned for the future.

I do want to issue some challenges:

One, we need to keep up our stewardship so we can continue to grow our church and our ministries. As a member of the vestry I can assure you we can do many great things if we have adequate resources. So please look in your hearts and continue to be faithful in your pledges of time, talent and treasure.

Two, the cash flow of the church is difficult in the summer and early fall. Please continue to keep up your giving when you are traveling or cannot come to church for whatever reason. About 80% of the costs of the church are fixed and unfortunately the income tends to be seasonal.

Finally, join me in looking expectantly to the future. The past has been great, but the real promise is ahead of us. If we are generous and stay committed to community service, are exuberant in fellowship and exhibit hospitality to all, we will continue to grow and thrive. West County is a great place to be. There is no reason for us not to be a graceful and a forceful presence west of HWY 270. The future for St. Martin's is bright. We are attracting new members, young families with small children and our youth program is on the rise.

In a recent article in Seek Magazine, Bishop Smith sought to answer the question...."What is God asking from us?" I liked his answer.

- To live within our means.
- To organize our life together to be right-sized and nimble.
- To engage in God's mission.

Respectfully and faithfully yours,

Larry Cornelius, Treasurer

## St. Martin's 2012 Budget

<b>Projected Income for 2012</b>	<b>\$527,990</b>
<b>Projected Expenses for 2012</b>	<b>\$526,803</b>
<b>Projected Surplus</b>	<b>\$1,187</b>
<b>Pledges as of January 24, 2011</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>Average Pledge for 2012</b>	<b>\$2,611</b>
<b>Number of Pledges Needed for Budget Neutrality</b>	<b>0</b>

	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Pledges - 2012 Budget Up 6.4% Over 2011 Budget	\$375,486	\$387,928	\$399,431
Plate	\$52,568	\$43,076	\$47,932
Special Gifts	\$13,000	\$20,622	\$22,000
Rent	\$8,000	\$6,344	\$7,000
Packwood Income (Operating Expenses)	\$17,000	\$14,113	\$15,000
Packwood Principal (Park Hall Loan)	\$36,627	\$37,384	\$36,627
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$502,681</b>	<b>\$509,467</b>	<b>\$527,990</b>
<b>DIOCESAN PLEDGE</b>	\$47,129	\$47,129	\$49,941
<b>CLERGY AND STAFF</b>			
Clergy	\$137,520	\$136,890	\$149,687
Staff	\$187,078	\$183,882	\$182,475
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$324,598</b>	<b>\$320,772</b>	<b>\$332,162</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
Equipment	\$11,500	\$9,702	\$11,510
Supplies	\$4,500	\$6,854	\$7,336
Postage	\$3,200	\$2,216	\$2,800
Telephone/Internet	\$1,969	\$3,123	\$3,125
Communication	\$0	\$0	\$852
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$21,169</b>	<b>\$21,895</b>	<b>\$25,623</b>
<b>BUILDING</b>			
Maintenance	\$14,877	\$11,311	\$11,800
Park Hall Loan	\$36,627	\$33,350	\$36,627
Insurance	\$21,000	\$21,789	\$21,000
Grounds	\$5,585	\$9,032	\$8,000
Utilities	\$21,419	\$28,187	\$22,000
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$99,508</b>	<b>\$103,669</b>	<b>\$99,427</b>

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	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget
<b>EVANGELISM</b>	\$2,500	\$427	\$1,000
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	\$2,000	\$1,346	\$1,500
<b>CHRISTIAN FORMATION</b>			
Curricula and Materials	\$1,450	\$1,221	\$1,700
Programs	\$1,850	\$1,186	\$1,200
Supplies	\$1,200	\$31	\$200
Youth Group	\$1,400	\$2,038	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,900</b>	<b>\$4,476</b>	<b>\$5,100</b>
<b>MUSIC</b>	\$2,400	\$2,082	\$2,100
<b>PASTORAL SUPPORT</b>	\$1,700	\$75	\$100
<b>WORSHIP</b>	\$3,768	\$3,265	\$2,400
<b>OUTREACH</b>	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
<b>PARISH LIFE</b>	\$1,000	\$816	\$1,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Financial Audit/Review	\$12,000	\$12,163	\$0
Diocesan Convention	\$850	\$500	\$500
Vestry Retreat/Supplies/Misc	\$951	\$164	\$950
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,801</b>	<b>\$12,827</b>	<b>\$1,450</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$525,473</b>	<b>\$518,779</b>	<b>\$526,803</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-\$22,792</b>	<b>-\$9,312</b>	<b>\$1,187</b>

## 2011 Packwood Trust Oversight Committee

The purpose of any endowment fund is to produce income that can be used for the good of the Church. The Packwood Trust was created as a result of contributions from parishioners, primarily George Packwood, that were left to the Church in wills. These gifts can be considered gifts that “keeps on giving,” as investment returns magnify the impact of the original gift.

The Packwood Trust is invested mainly in a portfolio managed by The Commerce Trust Company, a division of Commerce Bank. The Vestry has assigned the Packwood Trust Oversight Committee responsibility for providing Commerce with investment guidelines and reviewing their investment performance. Specific investments are chosen by the fund manager. A special thanks goes out to Erv Heyde who stepped down as chairperson in mid 2011 after serving as the chairperson for many years. The current committee is made up of Fr. Jon Hall, Beverly Kinkade, Bob Huheey, Rich Luebcke, Steve Gillies, Erv Heyde and is currently chaired by Stewart Wiles.

As of December 31, 2011, our portfolio held by Commerce was distributed as follows:

	<b>Portfolio Spread</b>	<b>Current Yield</b>	<b>Projected 2012 Income</b>
Fixed Income	58.30 %	3.96 %	\$11,812
Equities	31.08 %	2.31 %	\$3,693
Money Markets	1.30 %	0.00 %	\$0
Other	9.17 %	5.85 %	\$2,747
<b>Total Projected Portfolio for 2012</b>		<b>3.57 %</b>	

The investment results are summarized below:

Commerce Portfolio Market Value December 31, 2010:	\$ 529,010
Disbursements and Expenses (includes fees paid):	\$ 43,072
Commerce Portfolio Market Value December 31, 2011:	\$ 511,975
<b>Estimated 2012 Income from Interest and Dividends:</b>	<b>\$ 18,252</b>

It should be noted that the Packwood Trust is doing what it was designed to do and provides extra money that is available for the use of the Church. The largest single use in 2011 was in the amount of \$36,627 in the form of debt payments on the Park Hall Loan.

During 2012, monthly withdrawals of \$3,056.26 will be made to pay the debt service on the Park Hall loan. The Vestry also approved the use of \$5,000 in 2011 for improvements on the organ which has yet to be invoiced and is anticipated to be paid out in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2012.

## **Building for the Future-The Legacy Fund**

Last year at this time, we were announcing that the Legacy Fund and committee had been established shortly before the annual meeting. In the twelve months that have followed, we have made great strides in communicating our mission, developing acknowledgement cards for donors and receiving close to 50 individual contributions for the Fund!

Further, we provided an educational opportunity for St. Martin's with a presentation on Trusts and Wills by Larry Robertson, a well-known estate attorney. We had an audio conference with the Episcopal Church Foundation on the basics of planned giving. We have had bi-monthly articles in Messages on the Legacy Fund, offering up testimonials on planned giving and, hopefully, answering questions from the parish on "What is a Legacy Fund and Why Do We Need One?"

The Legacy Committee was very visible during the Ministry Fair with handouts on planned giving. In the coming year, we expect to offer up more educational offerings on issues regarding bereavement as well as more articles on Legacy Giving. A Legacy Fund is not a savings account but a God-given promise of permanence for generations to come through all avenues of planned giving, be it estate planning, annuity gifts or outright gifts in memory or in honor of someone dear.

A wise man once said, "There is always a positive but dynamic tension between the short term and long term needs of the church." The true blessing of a Legacy Fund is that it allows parishioners and others a means for making permanent, sustaining financial contributions to St. Martin's. Unlike other church assets and fundraising activities, The Legacy Fund is created as true endowment, managed in perpetuity, with the principal protected. As we build this Fund, the vision is that there will be enough interest income created from the principal to further provide our church with a means of providing for ministries which might not be possible from our annual operating funds.

The building block work of the Legacy Committee is very exciting and we continue to work on policies and procedures, and investment, growth and spending philosophies. You will continue to hear from us through **Messages**, our parish website and educational offerings. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any other member of our committee at anytime.

Committee Members include: Mary Drastal, Margaret Eidson, Mike Kellogg, The Rev. Murrell Cunningham, Steve Lyle, Jane Oliver and Lincoln Drake.  
May God's Peace be among you always.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly W. Kinkade, Chair

## Stewardship Committee

In 2011, the Stewardship Committee focused on transitioning to a year-round program and highlighting the time and talent aspects of stewardship, as well as treasure. In doing so, examples of the generous giving of time and talent were featured in each of the monthly Messages. And at the Ministry Fair in August, 26 of St. Martin's ministries and committees were on display, again, as examples of the generous giving of time and talent by our parishioners.

"Feasting on Gratitude" was the theme of the fall stewardship campaign and we collectively expressed our gratitude for all that we have been given through our pledging of treasure for 2012, and for the first time in many years, the pledging of our time and talent. It is with grateful hearts that we share a summary of our collective generosity for the coming year (as of 1/23/12):

- 153 Financial pledges have been made totaling \$399,431. This compares to 145 pledges totaling \$385,076 for last year's campaign.
- 48 Increased financial pledges have been made.
- 23 New pledges have been made.
- There have been 20 decreased pledges.
- 40% of us made a pledge of our time and talent.

We look forward to the coming year with great joy and celebrate the spirit alive in our congregation. We will work personally and work to inspire others to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has graciously given us by sharing our time, talent and treasure with our church and community. This is truly a wonderful time to be a part of the St. Martin's community!

Faithfully,

### The Stewardship Committee

Kevin Clark

The Rev. Murrell Cunningham

Mary Drastal

Carole Gerretsen

Janis Greenbaum

Diana Hauser

Beverly Kinkade

Jane Klieve

Jeff Klieve – chairman

# OUTREACH COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2011

Following is our Mission Statement. We review the four parts of this statement at each meeting to help us properly balance our general mission of changing lives. This year we refined the forth statement slightly to reflect the Outreach ministry.

#### **Mission Statement**

- A. Focus on those ministries which have an Episcopal tradition (we are the only people supporting Episcopal ministries vs. secular charities)
- B. Purpose to keep the admonition to do a few things well (do as much as we can as long as we have leaders to support the effort)
- C. Evangelize to West County through community involvement
- D. Support individual/personal needs as recommended by St. Martin's or community agencies.

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The outreach team (Alice McLaughlin, D'Arcy Elspeman, Loretta Go, Jennifer Neckermann and Dana Griggs with support from Carol Clary) were all involved with a variety of ministries. The various outreach teams become more active at various times throughout the year, each having their own season of importance with opportunities for the congregation to participate.

Following is a few comments about some of those ministries:

**The St. Martin's College Scholarship** – This fund was administered through Circle of Concern again this year. St. Martin's contributed \$5000, which makes it the largest scholarship ever given by us. This year's recipient was Chelsea Johnson. She is currently at Missouri State and doing very well.

**Food Pantry support** - In addition we contributed money and food to Circle of Concern to support their efforts in the West County area. With some publicity from Carol Clary and Janis Greenbaum, food donations were up this year.

**St. Nicholas Event** – Loretta Go, Alice McLaughlin, D'Arcy Elspeman, Jennifer Neckermann, Larry Cornelius and Mike Reeves worked to make this a good Christmas for 4 less fortunate families in the West County area. In addition we supported Episcopal City Mission with 30-plus needed gifts.

**Thanksgiving Grocery** – Approximately, \$1,600 in grocery items were collected this year. With Alice McLaughlin's help St. Martin's was able to assist many West County families at Thanksgiving time.

**Blood Drive** – D'Arcy Elspeman organized two blood drives this past year. There were 50 units collected, up from 32 last year.

**Cathedral Breakfast Program**- Under the guidance of Alice McLaughlin, parishioners cooked 180 dozen hard boiled eggs for the homeless in 2011. This is up from 165 dozen last year.

**Peace Meal** - Meals are prepared on a revolving six week schedule for those in need and served at St. John's Episcopal Church in the city. Currently Wayne Peters is heading the effort, supported over the last year by the Trieschmann family, the Gerretsen family, Kurt Greenbaum and Bill Gamlin. Heidi Gioia and the youth group also assisted.

**Episcopal City Mission** - Wayne Peters served on the board again this year. Since 1954, Episcopal City Mission has been the only agency authorized to minister to youth in public detention. This is the only ministry of its kind in the entire nation.

**Paper Recycling** - St. Martin's, along with our neighbors at the Fountains Assisted Living facility, have been recycling paper through our recycle bins. There is a team of people who regularly pick up newspapers at the Fountains to deposit into the paper bin at St. Martin's. This year the team includes Wayne and Brian Peters, Steve Young, Mike Reeves, Tom Warrington, Kathleen and Allyn Beardsell and Dana Griggs.

By meeting the minimum weight requirements in the recycled paper bin, St. Martin's is allowed the single stream recycle bin free of charge. The single stream bin allows us to recycle much of the waste produced in the building and keeps the need for paid waste pick up down to twice a month rather than weekly.

**Garage Sale** - All of the proceeds from the garage sale (\$, Martin's Scholarship program and Episcopal Relief and Development.

**St. Martin's Outreach Ministries**

Non-Budgeted Items

\$5,000	St. Martin's college scholarship
\$700	Lui
\$140	Circle of Concern
\$ 100	St. Nicholas Event
\$60	Episcopal City Mission (Lenten Gift)
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Total Dollars \$6,000	

Gifts-in-Kind (Approximations)

\$1,600	Thanksgiving Grocery
\$1,800	Food Pantry (1000+approx.items)
\$1,600	St. Nicholas w/Circle of Concern (4 families, 17 people)
\$1500	Project Lynus Blankets
\$300	Episcopal City Mission Christmas Gifts
\$200	Back to school supplies
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Total Gifts \$7,000	

Outreach Committee

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

Adult Christian Formation (ACF) provides a variety of scripture-based sessions on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:00 AM which are intended to fulfill our baptismal promise to continue on a life-long path of spiritual formation into the image of Christ.

This past year sessions were offered on the prayer book, the power of St. Martin's, caring for God's creation, praying the Anglican Rosary, rebuilding our church in Haiti, understanding the St. Nicholas tradition and on new insights into the Book of Job. A highlight of the 2011 year was the Grand Thanks-Giving Coffee celebration of blessings jointly sponsored by ACF, and the Youth and Sunday School ministries.

In addition, ACF also plans, supports and facilitates special events. Groundwork has been completed for the Wednesday evening Lenten series which will introduce "Faith Groups" as an innovative, powerful program which reinforces our mission to continue as a welcoming church and will promote experiencing God's Grace in a the hospitality of a small community settings. Also, in collaboration with the Legacy Committee, the planning is complete for a Sunday morning and evening series, *A Practical Guide to Planning and Preparing for End of Life Issues*.

Committee members are: Sandy Baranowski, Rich Brown, Larry Cornelius, Esther Cornelius, Dana Griggs, Lynn Corning, Leslie Lenz, Jeanne King, Beverly Weaver, Kurt Greenbaum, John Lange and Carole Clary.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION** **Sunday School**

### **Ministry Members**

Kay Fletcher, Susan Gillies, Heather Vogt, Susan Merchak, Poppy Parker, Steve Gillies, Colleen Hall, Michelle Magee, Assad Merchak, Sandy Steinlage, Scott Pattengill, Laurie Ann Flory, Teresa Reeves, Mike Reeves, Heidi Gioia, Carrie Wilkins, Bill Wilkins, Kevin Clark, Stewart Wiles, Jill Gould, Kim Montgomery, Teri Deutsch, Julie Clark, Susan Miraflores.

### **Mission Statement 2011-2012**

To provide an experience where children can have a relevant, meaningful, memorable and nurturing experience and to help develop their minds and talents to grow in their Christian lives, in an environment of unconditional acceptance.

### **Highlights 2011**

Through a generous gift, we gave red shirts to all our teachers. Singing for Bishop Dukolo. St. Martin's Grateful Every Day. Singing in church on Music Sundays. Christmas Pageant.

Each age group chose their own curriculum: Pre K-K: Hands on Bible, Grades 1-3: All Things New, Grades 4-5: Episcopal Church Lectionary Based, Jr/ Sr High: Episcopal Curriculum for Youth.

During Fall, 2011, we averaged 24 attendees.

VBS: 31 children, 10 teens and 12 adults. Curriculum: Inside Out Upside Down on Main Street..

### **Goals for 2012**

Toddler Sunday School for 2 and 3 year olds, beginning in January 2012.

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION - BIBLE STUDIES**

### **Monday Bible Study**

Led by Mary Richardson 636-527-8830

This intensive Bible study meets at 10:30 - 12:00 on Monday mornings. After spending the fall studying Paul's letter to the Romans, we will finish the last of the Pauline letters (Colossians, Ephesians, Timothy and Titus) this spring. This completes a 2 year study of Paul and his writings.

### **Tuesday Women's Bible Study**

Contact:: The Rev. Virginia Noel

Phone: 636-779-2807

E-mail: [veelee03@yahoo.com](mailto:veelee03@yahoo.com)

Meeting: Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Packwood Library

In the Winter and Spring of 2011, the Women's Bible Study continued its overview of the Old Testament. We looked at "the big picture," noticing the major themes and also the major people in the books of the Old Testament. We continued our trek through the historical tradition, then looked at the prophetic and wisdom traditions.

In the Fall of 2011, we began the study of "Women of the Old Testament: Their Lives, Problems and Contributions." We related their lives to our own lives. In the Spring of 2012 we will continue this study of women in the Old Testament.

This Bible Study is for women of all ages. Our goal is to relate our reading of the Bible to God in our own lives. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary to become part of this group of 13 members. We enjoy and support each other and share a lot of laughter. Newcomers and new learners are always welcomed.

### **Beginners Bible Study**

Led by Mary Richardson 636-527-8830

This fun group continues to grow in membership, meeting on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30. We are finishing our study of 1 and 2 Kings. The Assyrians have conquered the northern kingdom of Israel. Now the southern kingdom of Judah awaits its fate at the hands of the Babylonians. After the fall of Jerusalem we will study the Lamentations of Jeremiah and the 12 minor prophets.

If you yearn to read the Bible but don't know how to start, this is a welcoming place to begin with lots of laughter, friends and an occasional lunch out.

## **Annual Report 2011 Youth Ministries**

In 2011, youth ministries focused on cultivating a teen Christian community, developing a lay leadership network and engaging in mission.

Our goals for 2011 were to be a welcoming and accepting presence for teens and their families. We accomplished this through our monthly Sunday Evening Gatherings. This was a time to gather for a shared meal and compline, followed by a variety of games and discussions. At each dinner, our teens and leaders had time to develop stronger relationships. To supplement these regular meetings, we also had two well-attended lock-ins, a handful of social events and two minor fundraisers (Shrove Tuesday pancake supper & The Holy Cow Grill at the garage sale). We are blessed with dedicated parents who have made youth group a family priority. 2012 will see a continuation of these programs.

Christian community is also strengthened through the time spent together on mission work. In 2011, we renewed our commitment to being involved in mission. In June, Gina Garbo, Sarah Barger & I joined youth from across the Diocese on a weeklong trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Additionally, we offered a "mini-mission" trip to Shannondale Community Center in the Ozarks that provided an introduction to mission. In July, a group of teens and adults joined another Diocesan trip to help with the clean-up efforts in Joplin. Finally, in October, a group of St. Martin's teens and adults made a one-day trip to Joplin to deliver a truckload of donations to St. Philip's. In conjunction with the trip, the vestry challenged the youth to figure out how to spend some of the garage sale proceeds in Joplin. This challenge gave us a great opportunity to discuss how we make faithful decisions, listen to those in Joplin on what needs they have, and then determine how we can make an impact. Beyond work trips to other communities, we also engaged in several local service projects. We'll build on these experiences in 2012.

We are blessed with a strong group of committed lay leaders. Mike and Ashleigh Kellogg continued their involvement, providing a solid foundation for the addition of new leaders. In 2011, Jim Arras, Bob Ecker and Terri Garbo joined the team. The leaders meet regularly to discuss programming, share faith stories, and receive additional training. In Sunday School, we have a dedicated team of middle and high school teachers: Bill and Carrie Wilkins, Jill Gould, Kay Fletcher, Kevin Clark and Stewart Wiles. I am eternally grateful for all of their hard work!

As we look forward to 2012, we'll build on these successes and continue the faithful development of youth ministries at St. Martin's. Thank you all for your enthusiastic and prayerful support of our youth!

Faithfully submitted,

Heidi Gioia  
Director of Youth Ministries

Altar Guild Annual Report  
Year Ending 2011

This year has been a very busy time for the dedicated women who serve on Altar Guild. I want to personally thank them for their flexibility and dedication to making St. Martins a very inviting place to worship.

Our goal has been to start replacing paraments and vestments that are used in worship services. This year we were able to finish purchasing the white paraments and purchase blue paraments for the season of Advent. This year we hope to add one more set and to purchase the green paraments/vestments that are still needed.

During service weekends, we have started taking pictures of items in the church. This will serve as a pictorial record for insurance purposes, just in case.

Special thank you to Lincoln Drake, Steve Young, Sherrie Algren, and Rev. Naylor for figuring out a way to hang the Advent candles, so the congregation could see them.

Thank you to Ruth Minister for over seeing the votive candles used by many in the congregation.

Thank you to Yvette Bellingan and Delos Wilbur for their talent and time in making the flower rings for the baptismal font.

I especially want to thank the Altar Guild members for their dedication to the set up of the new 5:05 service on Sat evenings.

Altar Guild's present membership is fourteen members. Current Guild members are Sarah Aleman, D'Arcy Elsperman, Joan Voit, Mary K Heyde, Bette Crabtree, Ruth Minster, Sherrie Algren, Nancy Young, Sandy Baranowski, Vikki Nordeen, Renee Jerry, Helen Turner Murphy, Diane Metzger, and Mary Nell Brooke.

Submitted by Altar Guild  
January 16, 2012

## **Eucharistic Visitor Ministry**

This past fall marked the beginning of my responsibilities for coordinating this ministry. So, firstly, on behalf of all the visitors, I would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to Leslie Pattengill for her distinctive efforts in coordinating St. Martin’s Eucharistic Visitors. She has devoted countless hours to this ministry and her devotion is reflected directly and indirectly, in the many lives of parishioners that she has touched.

Eucharistic Visitor is a ministry of the laity that helps support our clergy in bringing the consecrated Communion elements to confined or homebound parishioners. We have parishioners who are visited on a regularly scheduled basis in addition to persons experiencing rare situations that prohibit their ability to attend Worship.

This ministry is conducted under the direct guidance of our clergy, who administer and oversee our training, and determine those to whom we are sent forth. The number of licensed visitors increased this year, but as our parish family increases, so too, do we encounter a rise in those who would benefit from a visit. In this past year there were 123 Eucharistic visits made. Our lay Eucharistic visitors were able to assist the clergy with 95 of those visits. I am grateful to the ten visitors who are currently active and I personally find their dedication to this parish family and this ministry extremely uplifting. They are: Bev DuPont, Ray Harbert, Diana Hauser, Mary K. Heyde, Leanne Lyle, Jennifer Neckermann, Leslie Pattengill, Mary Richardson, Bev Weaver and Nancy Young. Phyllis Duff was an active visitor up until last summer and we are grateful for her many years of devoted service to this ministry.

In 2012, we will again be offering additional training opportunities for all who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor. Our parish has a genuine sense of caring and reaching out to others, so it could be projected that this ministry would increase again throughout the year, and that we would then be able to routinely send forth multiple teams of visitors each week.

In Christ’s service,  
Rebecca Barger

## **Evangelism Committee**

Contact Person: Doug and Mary Edmonson, Co-Chairpersons - 314-239-2110

### Mission:

The Evangelism committee has a three-fold mission:

- 1) Develop effective means of communicating St Martin's Church to the community.
- 2) Welcoming parishioners and visitors through our Greeters.
- 3) Celebrating new comers and new members with our Newcomers Luncheons.

### Highlights for 2011:

The committee held two Newcomers Welcome Luncheons during the year, with over 100 people total attending the Spring and Fall luncheons. Newcomers and new members were given a candle and pocket cross and introduced to key members of the vestry and church community. Nancy Young and Mary Pomeroy both ably contributed to the planning food and helpers for these two events.

The Greeters program, led by Mary Kay Heyde, insured that visitors and members were greeted at each service on Sunday with a bright smile and an ability to answer any questions the visitors might have about St. Martin's and our spiritual activities.

A number of communication activities were enacted or are being considered to spread the good news of St. Martin's, including the St. Martin's Church and the Choir Facebook pages. Kurt Greenbaum gave a Sunday school Facebook seminar and proposed other evangelistic/disciple electronic blogs. Janis Greenbaum was assigned to the committee to assist our communication efforts. The committee developed a plan to give out to visitors, or sell to parishioners, cloth grocery bags with the St. Martin's logo (under development). In addition, pocket crosses were purchased and given out at the Christmas services. Father Jon is also giving these crosses in his hospital and convalescent visits to provide patients comfort and support in time of need. Adele also conducted a pilot interview with several Ellisville public officials on how St. Martin's Church could help the community.

### Goals for 2012:

1. The committee is looking to add additional members to replace retired members, especially in the coordination of Greeters and assisting with the development of marketing and communication tools.
2. The grocery bags will be available for Easter visitors and may also be used as a fund raiser (selling the bags to parishioners) for better Church signage on Clayton Road.
3. Additional pocket crosses will be made available for people in need or for those who know someone who is in need of spiritual support.
4. Additional marketing and communication will also be developed to spread the good word of St. Martin's and our discipleship.

### Members:

Doug and Mary Edmonson, Bob and Mary Pomeroy, Adele Niblack, Janis Greenbaum, Jill Gould and Liz Arras (vestry liaison)  
(Special thanks to Kurt Greenbaum, Nancy Young and Mary Kay Heyde for their service this past year. We will miss your help).

## **GARAGE SALE COMMITTEE REPORT**

This year St. Martins' had our 37th Garage Sale after a few years off. Chuck & Judi Batch co-chaired this event along with a wonderful and hardworking group of department chairs. This sale was a true service project and a wonderful outreach to the community. Countless people expressed gratitude that we had returned and they were able to purchase so many necessary items at such great prices especially in these difficult financial times. Many others were first time visitors to our church and expressed interest in knowing more about us. Equally important this event was a real bonding project and offered many newcomers and "oldcomers" the chance to meet and get to know each other. Despite the fact that we had less than 3/4 of a year to collect donations, we still netted an impressive \$13,753.65 !! We, as co-chairmen, would like to see these sales continue, if not annually, at least on a semi-annual basis.

## **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE 2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

We started 2011 with a very successful Trivia /Silent Auction that netted \$5768.80. This money allowed the committee to purchase 12 new light-weight 60" tables, 96 matching chairs 3 chair storage carts, 1 table storage cart, and 5 high chairs. We hope to finish replacing the remaining 8 old table and chairs with a fund raiser in 2012. We also split the cost of a new Industrial Can Opener with the Men's Group.

Hospitality had a busy year hosting several receptions and dinner events;

1. Assisted the Men's Group with the Palm Sunday parish brunch.
2. Hosted 200+person receptions & luncheons for: Ken Oliver's and Beth Bayer's funerals.
3. Provided lunch for 2 in-Parish service/work days.
4. Assisted the Women of St. Martin's with decorations for the "Trunk or Treat" event for local youth at Halloween.
5. Hosted the second annual St. Martin's Feast Day potluck lunch.
6. Set up and decorated for the Men's Group Christmas Luncheon.

As we look to 2012 a major goal is to finish purchasing the remainder of new tables and chairs (and storage racks for them). The committee decided to transfer hosting the Trivia Night fundraiser event to the Youth Group. The new fundraiser for 2012 will be a Mardi Gras-themed Dinner/Dance, to be held on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to St. Martin's parishioners' generosity and committee members support, we have been able to obtain new kitchen utensils, dinnerware and now comfortable new tables and chairs. The Hospitality committee has the ability to support a wide range of (well-received) "planned/short-notice, simple/fancy, formal/informal" events readily. The committee has put great effort into reorganizing the kitchen, parish hall facilities and decorations, to be able to function smoothly and efficiently in support of almost any event.

After the dinner/dance event I will be stepping down as Chair of the Hospitality committee. It's been a remarkable **11 year** run, but it is time for some new leadership and vision. I have been privileged to watch the committee grow and become a one of the most successful groups in achieving its goals -for the benefit of St. Martin's parish. My thanks to all the past and present committee members who have worked so tirelessly to provide support for high-quality events at St. Martin's.

Faithfully,  
Leanne Lyle, Chair

## **THE LUNCH BUNCH**

### **A REVIEW OF 2011**

The Lunch Bunch is a group of friendly and interesting retired singles and couples who meet the fourth Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcomed to join us. You do not have to attend each meeting; come when you can! We gather in Park Hall, have a bag lunch and a brief meeting to plan educational and fun day trips.

Some of the activities that we have done this past year were fun and exciting. Everyone is encouraged to come up with an idea of something that they are interested in doing, choose a date for it, arrange the details, and have people sign up, if necessary.

Here is a sampling of trips that were planned and enjoyed this past year:

- A special tour of the fairly new Roman Catholic Cathedral. Lunch at the Boat House.
- Several trips to the Sheldon for their morning Coffee/pastries and Concerts at the Sheldon. Lunch in various interesting parts of St. Louis.
- Visit to the newly restored Daniel Boone home and surrounding Village. This began with doughnuts & coffee at the Donut Palace before we left for the tours. After the tour we had lunch at Montelle Winery.
- Coffee concert at Powel Hall. Brandenburg Concerto presented selections from Water Music.
- Participated in the Ministries Fair in Park Hall.
- Day trip to Kimswick for shopping and lunch at the Blue Owl.
- Visited Christ Church Cathedral to view the Icons In Transformation art exhibit.

#### **Service Projects:**

1. Eleven people from our group volunteered for the Egg Boiling Project headed by Alice McLaughlin. St. Martin's is responsible for delivering 15 dozen hard boiled eggs on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month to give to the homeless. Each volunteer boils three dozen eggs at their appointed time and deposits them in the St. Martin's refrigerator. (on going project)
2. Revival of the famous St. Martin's Garage Sale headed by Chuck and Judi Batch. Proceeds for outreach.
3. Helped with the Postman's food collection for Circle of Concern

We encourage you to come to any of the lunch/brief meetings held each fourth Thursday of every month and check us out! We are sure that you will be enticed to join some of the very interesting, fun, and educational things that are being planned. Or, perhaps you have some great ideas you would like to share. All are welcomed!

## MARY AND MARTHA GUILD

The Mary and Martha Ladies invite those over 55 to join them on the second Wednesday of each month. Participants meet in Park Hall at 10:30 for a short program, followed by a time of fellowship over the sack lunch each person has brought with them. The Guild members then customarily participate in the Noon Eucharist as a group.

Programs and activities during 2011 include: an "America the Beautiful" video which triggered memories of vacations past. The Rev Jon Hall's introduction of the Rev Emily Hillquist Davis, new Assistant Priest at St. Martin's to the Guild members. Members met for lunch at the Wildhorse Grill. Gary Sanders, well known local (and international) artist, presented an introduction to painting. He shared memories of his journey as an artist. Chuck Laney provided a music tribute (on his new keyboard) and brightened a dreary day. Miriam Jenkins presented a Christmas message and a lovely lunch was served. The Ladies donated a carful of clothing and personal items, to be used as Christmas gifts, to St Andrews Resources for Seniors. There are no formal programs during the summer months. Just an opportunity to get to know each other better.

Mary and Martha Guild share the gift of caring and friendship. We look forward to another year and the opportunity to meet new friends.

## THE PRAYER CHAIN

The St. Martin's Prayer Chain exists for emergency prayer requests. Anytime there is **an urgent need for prayers**, the women and men of St. Martin's Prayer Chain **pray daily** for parishioners, relatives and friends. That urgent need may be sudden illness, emergency surgery, an accident, an emotional crisis, or any life-threatening situation.

St. Martin's Prayer Chain has 47 powerful Pray-ers. These Pray-ers are open channels for God's healing love to those on our Prayer Chain. Miracles do happen! Although the Prayer Chain never meets as a group, we do keep in touch via e-mail, phone, or at church. There were 5 new members in 2010.

Most Prayer Chain members are contacted by e-mail, since that is the quickest way to reach them. There is a sub-group praying especially for people living with cancer. They are contacted by mail whenever there are changes in their prayer list. All the Prayer Chain members are dedicated, prayerful channels for God's healing grace. If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Chain, contact The Rev. Virginia Noel.

For 2012, there will be a new group of Pray-ers who will pray weekly for parishioners and their immediate relatives who are living with chronic illness or chronic pain. Already 6 new Pray-ers have signed up to be in this group. Contact Virginia if you would like to be a praying member of this new group. Also contact her if you or your child or parent wants to be prayed for by this group.

All prayer requests to the Prayer Chain are **confidential**. To make a prayer request, contact The Rev. Virginia Noel (636-779-2807, veelee03@yahoo.com); Teresa Reeves (treeves1@hotmail.com); Bob McElroy (636-527-0951); or Anne Gravatte (394-1775).

The Rev. Virginia Noel

## **Ushers Annual Report 2012**

Steve and I would like to thank all of the wonderful ushers we have had the privilege to serve with. We have a dedicated group of parishioners who are there to help the 5:05, 8:00 and 10:15 worship services run smoothly.

Some of the duties of an usher include interacting with members, guests and visitors as they arrive; by providing bulletins, offering seating in the sanctuary and directing to and from communion. We also are there to help in case of any emergency that may arise. Thank-You to all those who participated in the CPR AED training provided by Sherrie Algren and a BIG Thank-You Sherrie for offering us that opportunity.

As we enter into 2012 year we have welcomed several newly trained ushers and we will continue to have training throughout the year as Father Jon, Susan, Steve and I incorporate changes for the improvement of our worship experience.

We are always seeking new people who would like to help maintain a reverent and solemn atmosphere to enhance the prayerful service time for all. Please contact either of us if you are interested.

Mary Jane Drake  
Steve Young

### **Report of the Organist/Choirmaster**

Let me say again how much I am enjoying this community! You have all been most gracious and welcoming, and I am excited to see how much you care for the church and each other. This is an exciting place to be.

The Sanctuary Choir continues to work hard to lead our worship with music. Their leadership is part of what makes worship so meaningful here.

Tintinnabulation, our bell choir, continues to provide musical leadership to our community. These are some talented and hard working people. We could use more ringers, so if you have ever thought about joining the group, please talk to me or any of the ringers.

We continue doing music with the children and youth once a month during the 9 am Christian Formation time. We had an especially good turnout for the Christmas pageant. Many thanks to Ralph Trieschmann for his leadership. We will continue working with the children through the rest of the school year.

In addition to singers, several youth and children have participated as instrumentalists either on a Sunday or as part of the Christmas pageant. We had five string players, as well as a clarinet and saxophone, on Christmas Eve. I hope to use them more in the coming year.

I recently was at a workshop where the speaker said, "Music in worship takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary." Thank you for making St. Martin's such an extraordinary place.

Earl Naylor

## St Martin's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) 2011 Annual Report

### ECW Mission Statement:

We are a welcoming, vibrant sisterhood of all ages. Our Episcopal Church Women are dedicated to growing together through fellowship, as a spiritual and service oriented, diverse community. We aspire to allow God's love to shine through us, as we share our gifts.

### ECW 2011 Board

President: Susan Gillies

Vice President: Stephanie Wiles

Treasurer: Judy Harbaugh/ Jennifer Neckermann

Secretary: Janese Voit

Publicity: Jeanne King

ECW Vestry Liaison: Mary Drastal

Any woman who attends St Martin's is a member of ECW. This year we focused mostly on social activities in order to bring as many women of the church together through fellowship. ECW generally meets the third Thursday of the month with the exception of the summer months when we don't hold meetings due to busy schedules.

We continued the ministry of 1<sup>st</sup> Responders which is a group of volunteers in our congregation willing to help others from church during a time of crisis or emergency. In the event of an emergency, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders take calls to provide meals, freezer space, bedroom space and/or yard clean up.

Meals by ECW, a meal service provided by volunteers to parishioners during a time of need (surgery, birth, death, illness, etc) was re-organized this year by Yvette Bellingan. Yvette created an on-line meal schedule under [TakeThemAMeal.com](http://TakeThemAMeal.com) to help facilitate the meals that were needed. This system makes it easier to coordinate who is bringing a meal on what date and what type of meal is needed.

Our Card Ministry was another successful ministry this year that provided hand made cards to parishioners during a life event. Cards are made with love and care by the women of St. Martin's and distributed by volunteers to those in need of sympathy, concern, get-well wishes, congratulations or any other occasion needing recognition. Mary Drastal graciously provided all the supplies and guidance for this ministry.

The Women's Book Club (currently labeled as Thursdays with ECW) met weekly throughout the school year with a small but committed group of women. For an hour and a half each week the women in this group shared ideas, stories, and discussions (sometimes related to a book the group was reading, but many times related to life in general) and grew friendships through fellowship and fun.

Easter Egg Hunt: This event was held on Easter morning and all children were welcomed to participate. We had approximately 40 children take part in the activity. We provided three raffle Easter baskets with goodies (free of charge) given to one child under age 5, another to a child age 5-8, and another to a child over the age of 8. This year we used pre-filled Easter eggs ordered from Sunny Bunny Industries which is an organization that employs disabled persons.

ECW also hosted a Grand Coffee Hour for Easter morning to coincide with the egg hunt. In addition, we had received word that one of our coffee makers was not working very well; therefore we donated a brand new \$150 commercial coffee maker just in time for Easter morning coffee hour.

Bunco nights were a new event we started this year in order to bring together women of all ages for a fun social event. We had one Bunco night in May and another in July with approximately 24 people attending. The admission fee was returned as prize money to those who won.

ECW also continued the tradition of hosting an Ice Cream Social on Rally Day, the Sunday School kick-off, on August 21st. In addition to serving up gallons of ice cream loaded with toppings, we also included a carnival for the children this year which was a big success, in part due to the participation of Father Jon in the pie throwing contest! Children were able to play several carnival games in Park Hall and earn prizes.

A very important happening this year for ECW was hosting the Annual Diocese of Missouri ECW Meeting on October 21 and 22. Jeanne King, member-at-large on the Missouri Diocesan ECW Board, very successfully spearheaded this event. Friday evening included a visit to an area gift shop for an informational session, followed by dinner at a steakhouse and then a concert by House of Bishops in Park Hall. Saturday was filled with worship, the annual meeting, various workshops, and a catered lunch.

For the first time in many years, ECW entertained with an afternoon Tea Party in September. Thirty women and children attended and enjoyed a light tea lunch. This was also an opportunity to present the first annual Distinguished Woman Award. This award recognizes a woman whose life in the secular community reflects her Christian values. The award was given at the tea party to Mary Richardson whose name was then forwarded to the Missouri Diocese for consideration at the diocesan level.

With the help of other parish ministries, ECW hosted a Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival in October. We organized a trunk or treat in the parking lot, a chili dinner that the Men's Group provided, a bake sale for after dinner, games for the children, a craft for the adults and children, a hay ride, and a bon fire with s'mores. Approximately 100 people attended the event which could not have taken place without the help of lots of volunteers.

During November, ECW sponsored a cancer presentation on the important topics of breast and ovarian cancer. Dr. Carrie Morrison and Beverly Kinkade discussed

essential information regarding symptoms, treatment, and personal experiences which were beneficial to all who attended.

ECW's November meeting was a Thanksgiving dinner and card making night. Everyone who attended brought part of a Thanksgiving meal and then worked on making cards to replenish our supply for the card ministry.

Our last meeting in December was our annual Cookie Exchange. In addition to bringing cookies for the exchange for everyone to take home, everyone brought a gift for the rob-your-neighbor game which is always a fun event. The night was a fun, relaxing way to spend some time with the women of the church before the holiday season.

ECW continued to oversee United Thank Offering responsibilities this year. Michelle Magee organized two in-gatherings during which we collected a total of \$757.93 for the ministry of the Episcopal Church which supports missions and grants within the whole church.

The Diocese of Missouri ECW sponsored a Brick by Brick Campaign this year to help rebuild the cathedral in Haiti that was destroyed after a devastating earthquake. Jeanne King led the efforts at St. Martin's to raise awareness and collect funds for this important project. Thanks to her devotion we contributed just over \$1,300 to the campaign.

ECW brought another Christmas ornament to the congregation this year by continuing the series that was started last year. The new ornament featured one of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary and we expect to provide additional ornaments each year featuring the remaining windows. Ornaments from last year sold for \$10 and this year's series sold for \$15.

In the coming year ECW will continue to focus on social events such as Bunco nights, the Easter egg hunt, and Trunk or Treat in order to grow through fellowship, but will also strive to provide spiritual growth for the women of the congregation. We will review the possibility of a retreat as well as service events that will strengthen us spiritually. We are always open to suggestions and welcome the input of everyone in the congregation. All women are welcome to attend our meetings whether or not she is a board member.

In addition, annual dues of only \$10 are welcome from all women since these funds support our events and missions throughout the year.

ECW has had a very blessed year due to the many women of the church who have continuously come together to assist, volunteer, suggest, participate, and strengthen our diverse group. Thank you to all of you!

Susan Gillies

## St. Martin's Men's Group 2011 Annual Report

The St. Martin's men's group mission is to facilitate the needs of the St. Martin *community* through faithful *service* in *fellowship* with other men.

The men's group has a monthly breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am in the parish hall. The Saturday meeting also includes a program about once a quarter. The group is always available to help around the church as a group or individually. **Ask us and we will be there to help.**

### Community Activities in 2011:

- Cooked and Hosted Palm Sunday Brunch
- Cooked and Hosted Christmas Dinner Sunday before Christmas
- Cooked and Hosted Back to Church Dinner in September
- Cooked for Chili Cook-off at Halloween
- Cooked for Shrove Tuesday Dinner
- Cooked at Scout Blue and Gold Banquet

### Service Activities in 2011:

- Annual Birthday Party at St. Louis Detention Center through Episcopal City Mission.
- Delivered Presents for the St. Nicholas families at Christmas.
- Donations to Howard Park Center and St. John's Episcopal Church Peace Party
- Has made approximately 15 wooded burial urns for Columbarium internments. One has been used for a member funeral. Thanks to Jean DuPont, Steve Young and Tom Baranowski.
- Bought church can opener, funded repair of church disposal, donated to purchase hearing aids, and moved old and new tables and chairs/assembled racks.
- Service coke machine.
- Dry wall patching in parish hall (thanks Jim McLaughlin).
- Ministry Fair Table.
- Donates excess food to food pantries including Ronald McDonald House or Haver House.

### Fellowship Activities in 2011:

- Programs in 2011 included:
  - a presentation on baseball card collecting
  - a presentation from the author of a book about the Wright Brothers
  - a presentation by our Deacon, Rev. Susan Naylor and Assistant Priest, Rev. Emily Hillquist Davis.
- Weekly golf on Thursday night at a local golf course.



## Communications Coordinator Annual Report / Jan. 29, 2012

My goal as the Communications Coordinator is to **invite**, **welcome** and **inform** our current members, our community, our diocese and anyone interested in St. Martin's Episcopal Church. With the many changes and innovations in technology, there has never been a more exciting or challenging time to get our message out in the world.

Since beginning this part-time staff position in July, I have focused on the following regular tasks:

- Maintaining and updating our website at [www.stmartinschurch.org](http://www.stmartinschurch.org) (working with our volunteer webmaster Kurt Greenbaum)
- Publishing weekly announcements for our Sunday bulletin and e-mail distribution
- Publishing monthly *Messages* newsletter
- Maintaining our Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/stmartinschurch](http://www.Facebook.com/stmartinschurch)
- Maintaining the parish calendar (working with Parish Administrator Janet Theiss)
- Photographing events
- Providing information and pictures for our Narthex monitor (working with volunteers Kim and Matthew Montgomery)
- Maintaining the community bulletin board
- Printing updated parish and ministry directory
- Serving as a member of the Evangelism Committee and the Stewardship Committee
- Relaying St. Martin's event information to the Diocese and the community at large

I have also worked on special projects this year, including:

- Redesign our website
- Reformatting *iMessages* (weekly e-mail announcements) using Constant Contact
- New online parish calendar
- New pictorial directory (to be published in Feb. or March)

In 2012, I hope to continue and improve all our current church communications. Specific goals and possible changes/additions include:

- Inviting more parishioners to contribute pictures, articles and information for our publications
- Increasing promotion of our worship services and special events to the community
- Improving the outdoor signage for our church on our grounds and in the surrounding community
- Using our tools to offer more educational and spiritual-based communications
  - Reformatting our newsletter to be less of an announcement sheet and more of a magazine
  - Maintaining more of a presence on social networks like Facebook and Twitter
  - Develop more opportunities for feedback on our website

My sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who contributes to our successful communications at St. Martin's. I could not accomplish what I do without your help. I am always available to help with the communications needs for any ministry or event in our church. I look forward to another year of spreading the Good News at St. Martin's!

Blessings,

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